Vhite House deeply divided over action against Iran

at President Carter and his dvisers are deeply divided has acutely embarrassed ton. One presidential aide ted as saying that "we are down a slippery slope to-

wards a military confrontation". In Iran, fighting has broken out between Kurdish tribesmen and the Iranian army. Tehran has threatened to close the Gulf if America toughens its policy (report, page 8).

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Iran threat to close the Gulf Japanese impose sanctions Benn warning of war danger East German trade agreement

account of the meeting is cor-rect, the Iranians can assess how seriously they should take the threat of military action. The disclosure of disagreement in the White House coincides with an appeal from
influential church leaders urging restraint on Mr Carter. A
delegation representing the
United Methods Church handed the President

ded the President a statement vesterday calling on him "not to give in to those who counsel military intervention, nor to take steps which will lead eventually to war."

In addition, Mr Robert Byrd, the powerful Democratic leader of the Senate, has called on the administration to consult Congress fully before it em-barks on any military action. He has said that the advice of Congress must be taken into account before the crisis deteriorates into a military confrontation.

Labour revolt: Threats of a breakdown in the bipartisan approach between the Govern-ment and Opposition to economic sanctions against Iran became apparent last night (Michael Hatfield writes). Though ministers were expressing confidence after a Cabinet meeting that legislation would have a virtual trouble-free run through Parliament, a group of Labour backbenchers signalled

While the majority of the Shadow Cabinet have reservations about the Carter administration's handling of the crisis, they would support sanctions. The only declared dissenter is Mr Denis Healey, Labour spokesman on treasury affairs.

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But last night the majority of those who attended a special by the leak. If the meeting of the Labour back- fore the Commons.

Gunships and jets attack

Kurdish rebel city

devastated radio and television station, but the Kurds are

guerrillas, from an assortment of leftist groups that form the dominant political forces in the area, counter that the Army is

preventing medical supplies

a Phantom jet destroyed much of the city hospital yesterday and that belicopter gunships killed 50 civilians on the

streets.

According to the eye-witnesses, the whole city is closed
and guerrilla youths are bosy
erecting barricades and making
petrol bombs. Many inhabitants were said to be fleeing
the city. The guerrillas claimed

They say a rocket attack by

have so far been killed and many more hundreds injured.

In Sanendaj the Kurds have cut off two Army units, one holding out in a former officers' chub, the other in the down a plea by the guerrillas, when it called "criminal armed"

themselves encircled day. An Army statement said
The Army says that the
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page 1. In the fighting in Statement said
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The fighting in Saqqez ap-

bench foreign affairs group spake out against sanctions. It was argued that sanctions would increase the crisis and bring

military action a step closer.
There is pressure for a fullscule debate inside the Parliamentary Labour Party and if
the majority holds firm there
the Shadow Cabinet would be
forced to change its strategy.

Legislation is to be intro-duced in Parliament in three weeks time to meet the May 17 deadline. Though the Govern-ment can act under the provi-sions of Import Export and Cus-toms Powers Defence Act 1939, additional legislation is needed to cover the shipment of goods to cover the shipment of goods and new service contracts.

The Cabiner was given an up-to-date assessment yesterday of the Iran situation by Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secret-ary. He is to visit Washington on May 3-6.

Ministerial optimism that the Government would have little trouble with legislation on sanctions is founded on declarations from the Opposition front bench in recent weeks. But there is clearly unrest, not only among Labour backbenchers, but also among some Tories. Those Conservative MPs feel the introduction of sanctions could create a dangerous prece-dent for a Conservative Govern-

While Mr James Callaghan, Leader of the Opposition, recog-nizes the arguments about the efficacy of sanctions, he be-lieves that Britain should participate as part of the wider interests that the country has with the United States.

But his general view, and one with American TV networks yesterday, was that President Carter should "play it long". He also made it clear, as has Mrs Margaret Thatcher, that he would not countenance military

Mrs Thatcher and Mr Cal-laghan are expected to have talks on the issue before the sanctions legislation comes by

down a plea by the guerrillas, whom it called "criminal armed

groups", for a ceasefire yester-day. An Army statement said the Kurds had broken their

will not be deceived".

The fighting in Saqqex appeared to be of a similar nature, with the guerrillas sur-

Stalemate as rail union rejects 20% pay offer

By David Felton

The spectre of a confrontation on the railways was raised yes-terday after a surprise decision by the executive of the main rail union to reject a 20 per cent pay offer.

Meetings were hastily arranged to try to break the impasse which has arisen after the National Union of Railwaymen's rejection. The other two unions have accepted the offer, which are tree to a commitment. which was tied to a commitment to the introduction of productivity measures.
The NUR's decision was un-

The NUR's decision was un-expected, not least to Mr Sydney Weighell, general secre-tary, who after the offer was made last week was confident that it would be accepted. He and the other NUR negotiators recommended the offer to the executive but they were overruled by 21 votes to 6.

A meeting between the NUR and the other two unions, the state of tive Engineers and Firemen tive Engineers and Firement (ASLEF) and the white-collar Transport Salaried Staffs Association (TSSA) is being held in London this morning, when Mr Weighell will try to persuade them to go back into negotiations with him.

negotiations with him.

If there is agreement between the unions, which is by no means certain, they will meet British Rail negotiators again next Tuesday. But last night Mr Clifford Rose, British Railways Board member for industrial relations, said: "There is no room for manoeuvre."

Mr Weighell said yesterday that the executive had thrown out the offer, first because it was linked to productivity improvements, and secondly because it was to be paid in two stages, 16 per cent from April 21. the annual settlement date, and he remaining 4 per cent from June 30.

During a heated meeting lasting several bours, Mr Weighell was unable to persuade the executive that it was

suade the executive that it was the best deal the union could get. "I thought we had satisfied and provided all the safe-guards that my executive wanted, but I must now try to persuade the other unions to take the line that my executive has decided."

He said it was too early to talk about industrial action but added that he expected British Rail management to meet the union. "They cannot afford not to talk to us. It is as important to them as it is to us to find a settlement." The executive, he said, was

concerned about maintaining the living standards of the 100,000 members covered by the negotiations and could see no staged. Asked whether the executive was prepared to discuss productivity. Mr Weighell said: "They did not say yes and they did not say no."

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The productivity proposals are aimed at improving the marginal profitability of British Rail's freight and parcels businesses and reducing administration costs. Further and more wide-ranging plans which were also to have been negotiated with British Rail would have led to further pay increases.

Mr Ray Buckton, general secretary of ASLEF, who is in Perth for the Scottish TUC and is unlikely to attend today's meeting of the unions, said last night that he was surprised by

night that he was surprised by the NUR decision.

But he indicated that his union, which has 25,000 members covered by the agreement, would be prepared to join the NUR in pressing for immediate implementation of the increase.

Mr Buckton will probably be represented at today's meeting by Mr Donald Pullen, his

nature, with the guerrillas surrounding troops in the town's
garrison but the Army launching actillety, tank and helicopter fire from the outskirts.

There was no clear news
today on the progress being
made by two Army relief
columns, one battling to move
from the outskirts of Sanandaj
to Sangez, the other moving
from the south on Sanandaj
itself. The guerrillas claimed to
have killed at least 50 soldiers
in attacks on the columns,
which appeared to be moving A spokesman for TSSA, with A spokesman for ISSA, with 50,000 members in the agreement, said: "We are dismayed by the NUR decision but these things happen. We are not inflexible and will talk to the other unions."

Mr Rose said: "The rejection of the agreement by the NUR is a surprise and disapwhich appeared to be moving ahead with difficulty. pointing."
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prescribe the route, to indi-vidual events."



Anderson campaign continues: Mr John Anderson, the Illinois Congressman, who yesterday announced his decision to run as an independent candidate for the American Presidency. Mr Anderson has been contesting the Republican nomination, but he said that he could no longer hope to win it. He had campaigned actively in six pri-

maries, but won none of them. Mr Anderson is conservative in economic policies, liberal on social issues and a moderate in foreign affairs. Announcing his decision, he said:
"Too many people in our nation are disillusioned with the prospective choices our party structures are offering."

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Crisis point imminent for Chrysler US

Corporation fall due. The company urgently needs about \$1,500m (about £670m) of government loan guarantees, but these can only be provided if Chrysler meets

United States treasury officials have been studying new financing and operating plans provided by Chrysler since last Friday.

A treasury spokesman said the decision depends on the findings made by officials on the practicability of the new Chrysler plans. "No one can say at this point what the out-

say at this point what the outcome of the analysis is going to be ", said the spokesman.

Mr William Miller, Secretary of the Treasury and chairman of the Chrysler Loan Guarantee Board that has been established by the Congress, hopes to announce a final decision early next week.

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on marches

to give the police a wider power than at present to apply conditions, including a power to

Obituary, page 16 Mr W. M. Balch, Professor Wladysław Tatarkiewicz

Stock markets: Prices continued to drift lower in equities as a result of the Middle East problems while gilts encountered profit taking. The FT Index closed 0.4 down at 434.8.

From Frank Vogl
US Economics Correspondent
Washington, April 24
Chrysler Corporation is ters, such as its dealers and suppliers and state and local governments and private banks. There is no flexibility Chrysler Corporation is banks. There is no hexibility swiftly reaching a desperate on the key point that to obtain situation as its new car sales guaranteed loans from the slump, its cash on hand Government the company must dwindles, and debt repayments show it can raise \$1,430m from

outside sources.
It now seems unlikely that Chrysler will be able to prove it can do this, but much can change in the next few days, and in this regard the Canadian Government might play a key

role.

Chrysler has plants in Canada and the government there has indicated that it is willing to provide loans to the company, although it seems highly improbable that the amounts will be anything like the \$600m that Chrysler is hoping for. News reports in Washington

had suggested that the Treasury Secretary might announce a decision on Monday. Treasury officials said this was unlikely, and it was not even certain that a meeting of the Loan Board could be con-vened before mid-week.

guarantees stipulated that possible and have been since Chrysler must obtain set we received the plans on amounts of unguaranteed loans Friday", a Treasury official

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

By Peter Evans
The Government is studying ways of tightening the law to prevent public disorder at demonstrations. A Green Paper disclosed yesterday that wider police power to apply condi-tions to processions was one option being considered.

The Green Paper says that £5.75m was estimated to have ton in Britain's first application of geothermal energy.

Experiments by the Institute of Geological Sciences, which began last October as a £1.8m project of the Department of been spent on policing demon-strations, which needed the attendance of 100 or more officers in London in 1979. To provide power to ban a march only because most people found offensive the views of those involved would

be an unacceptable infringe-ment of traditional freedom, the Green Paper says.

"The better course might be The successful experiments in measuring the potential energy available from this source were announced in the Commons yesterday by Mr John Moore, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Report details, page 4 Leading article, page 15

Energy.

He said the use of geothermal energy through water heated by hot rocks in the earth's cross was a new technology for Britain, but systems of this kind were working in Europe. Over the past five years the French Government has en-couraged the rapid development

Equipment for pumping hot water to the surface at March-wood, near Southampton, will

between 65 to 70 degrees centigrade can be sustained for several decades.

red in the development of special pipes for transporting

King Khalid calls off state visit to Britain

King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, offended by the ATV film Death of a Princess, is understood to have cancelled plans for a state visit to Britain.

The fresh embarrassment to the Government coincides with the first business contract lost because of the showing of the television film.

Earlier this year, King Khalid was reported to have accepted an invitation from the Queen to visit London in

The Chargé d'Affaires office at the Saudi Embassy said vesterday: "No official yesterday: "No official announcement was made". The Foreign and Commonwealth Office said: "No visit has been announced. We can't make any

understood King Khalid was to have come in place of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophie of Spain, who had to abandon advanced plans for their first state visit.

The North-East Wales Insti-tute of Education announced yesterday it had lost the chance of a £300,000 contract because of the tension between the two

countries.

A Saudi minister was to have visited the institute this week for negotiations, but has cabled that he will not now be coming. Saudi Arabia is Britain's biggest customer in Middle East markets, taking exports worth

markets, taking exports worth 1893m last year.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office said yesterday that Mr James Craig, the expelled ambassador, would be returning to London in a day or two. The Saudi authorities had not instructed him to leave within 24 hours, as sometimes

happened.

How to find railway lost property in Russia

From Michael Binyon Moscow, April 24 The stationmaster at Kupyansk noticed a strange man walking along the track and peering at all the trucks.

"Hey, what have you lost?", he asked sharply. "I'm looking for a railway truck with our equipment in it", the stranger replied promptly. "What sort of equipment? Anyway, where are you from?"

"My name is Yuri Prokin and I'm the truck searcher for the Reftninsky power station near Sverdlovsk. At the moment I'm looking for a lost truck that's carrying a generator."

"Good heavens; have you come all the way from the Urals?" the stationmaster asked in astonishment. "Why are you down here looking for your truck in Kharkov?"—a town more than 1,000 miles

The truck searcher explained that he had begun at the station where the generator was dispatched and had followed the route it should have taken, calling in at all stations to see whether it had been shunted

into a siding by mistake. The stationmaster became excited. There was a flat truck with a buge metal object that had been waiting in a slding for a month. No one knew who

owned it.

Mr Prokin rusbed over to identify his missing generator. The power station back home, he said, had come to a complete standstill without it and to the stationmaster's suspicious demand for proof, he produced a telegram from the director to the Ministry of Railways requesting the urgent

Railways requesting the urgent location and dispatch of truck number 4730092 and its load. The stationmaster agreed it was his, and explained it had been shunted into the siding because the load had shifted while it was passing through the station. Mr Prokin, over-joyed, accompanied his prod-igal truck home and life

returned to the power station. But not for long. There was e new snag—the plastic control panel for the generator was missing. It had left Tashkent and failed to arrive. Mr Prokin packed his case to set off

First, however, he called at the local railway headquarters in Sverdlovsk to ask for help. They wanted to know if it was really worth organizing a nationwide search for the absconding truck, and handed him a form to make an official complaint. He was told to indicare the value of the lost item and wait.

Mr Prokin decided to go to Tashkent himself, however, another 1,000 miles away. At the goods station there the staionmaster explained that a woman had mixed up the truck numbers, and would be repri-manded. The missing truck had goue to Sarntov, and from there it had gone to Astrakhan on the Caspian shore. After a lot more searching Mr Prokin found it and brought it home.

But scarcely had he had time to rest when a new crisis arose. This time a truck had not gone astray, but arrived exactly on time. And before the workers had been able to unload it, a railway worker had coupled it up to the train he was making up. The engine Ministers rebuke TV, page 8 gave a hoot and off went the Saudis under pressure, page 8 valuable equipment.

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nutually. Mr Shrimslev became 1975, the same year as he the board. Previously Mr y was editor of The Sun Page 2

£7,500 book prize

Hugh Thomas, the historian, one of three winners of the Arts Council's first national book awards, surprised a distinguished literary audience in London by refusing his £7,500 prize. His objection was to the state's intervention in industry and the arts. His book argues that the state's role foreshadowed the decay of civilizations, he explained Pages 4, 16

'Rush' angers MPs

Strong protests were made by Mr Callaghan and other Labour MPs over what they claimed was an attempt by the Government to rush through the Social Security (No 2) Bill, which puts restrictions on the up-rating of most social security benefits and introduces the "deeming" provisions reducing benefits to strikers' families Page 2

Judicial view on jail

Prisons were so overcrowded that non-violent perty offenders should not be jailed, Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, said in the Court of Appeal. If there was no alternative to a prison sentence, it should be as short as possible
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Husain plea to EEC

King Husain of Jordan appealed to the
EEC to launch a new peace initiative in
the Middle East to save the region
from "a state of confusion, numoil and e region Appointments
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Hugh Thomas refuses Secrecy covers new 'Countryman' case

The secrety surrounding the investiga-tion into allegations of London police corruption, known as Operation Coun-tryman, has reached a stage where it is claimed that senior Scotland Yard officers were not told for three days this week that a London man had been this week that a Lundon charged and had appeared in a London
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Recession in US

President Carter's top officials are no longer hiding the fact that the United States is in a recession. At the same time new ferecasts from the International Monetary Fund show a sharp slowing in the growth of industrialized countries this year. They predict a rise in output of only 1.4 per cent in 1980, against 3.4 per cent last year Page 17 Paris: Mr Gromyko meets plain speak-ing at the Elysée 6 Energy in Britain: A four-page Special Report on the nation's vital reserves and the Government's policies towards

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Wider curbs | Hot rocks water to being studied heat homes

A vast reservoir more than 5,000 feet underground will provide hot water and heating for a new development of shops, offices and flats in Southamp-

Energy, show that there is enough heat for 1,000 homes for more than 30 years from the first borehole drilled. Many more wells can be sunk to provide the same amount of

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Letters: On Western attitudes to Islam, from Mr. D. E. Frith and Mr. K. Kirk, and others: on the EEC, from Mr. Wynne Godley; on midwives, from Miss Juliet Willmott of this form of alternative energy. More than a million homes and other huildings obtain their primary supply of energy in this form. Willmott
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The tests have established the amount of energy that can be taken continuously from this source and show that a continuous stream of hot water at the transpose for 70 degrees continuous

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Nicholas Wapshott, reviewing the week's new films, finds talent and money allke misspent in Steven Spielberg's 1941; Irving Wardke on Romeo and Juliet at Stratford; Michael Church on the BBC 1 play; The Imitation Game: William Mann on the Philharmonia and Sveilanov Sport, pages 12, 13
Football: Norman Fox looks at the resurgence of English football on two levels: Racing: Top British jockeys to compete against Americans in new competition; Golf: Ballesteros one stroke behind the leader in Madrid open; Boxing: New date for Minter's world championship defence
Stock markets: Prices continued to drift As the water has a high content of minerals, the energy system needs a heat exchanger to transfer power to the usual water supply. Extensive development work has been done on heat exchangers over the past six years because of their im-portance in energy conservation, hence the provisional designs for the geothermal project are expected to supply water that has dropped by only one or two degrees Similar advances have occur

> bet water over long distances without dissipation of energy. Thus the Wessex basin, stretching from Southampton to Bournemouth, provides a very valuable discovery. There are indications that other similar size deposits exist.



Mr Bernard Shrimsley: leav-

News of the

editor to go

News Group Newspapers an-nounced in a brief statement

yesterday that Mr Bernard

Shrimsley, the editor of the News of the World, is to vacate

the editorship by mutual agree-

Mr Shrimsley, whose brother, Mr Anthony Shrimsley, edits the magazine Now!, was made editor in 1975 and appointed to

He previously edited the Liverpool Daily Post and became deputy editor of the News Group's newspaper The Sun when Mr Rupert Murdoch took

The News of the World has

the largest circulation of any

British daily or Sunday news-

paper. "Special problems": Mr Larry

Lamb, editorial director of News International, said that The Sur's success had created special problems for the paper (Chail Plant Special Pl

The Sun publishes six days a week the kind of story, saucy or sexy, which had been the

special prerogative of the News of the World and people bought

that paper because there was

nowhere else to read those stories. But sales of the Sunday

Post workers face more

efficiency proposals

paper have been falling.

By Our Labour Staff

efficiency proposals.

cent pay increase, will be asked

at their union conference next

month to approve further

The proposals to the Union of Post Office Workers con-

ference entail branches enter-ing into local productivity schemes, which are based essen-

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(Sheila Black writes).

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HOME NEWS.

Print union threatens to intensify disruption in Fleet Street to back campaign in the regions

Labour Editor

the National Leaders of the National Graphical Association (NGA) decided yesterday to confirm and extend the disruptive action of its Fleet Street members which prevented publication of The Sun.

Production is likely to be halted without notice by pulling out a few craft printing workers in a "guerrilla" operation against national newspaper publishers with provincial interests. The NGA has been in dispute with provincial newspapers and general printing firms over pay for the past

Companies belonging to the Newspaper Society and the British Printing Industries Federation have already begun sending out notices of suspension to 45,000 printing craftsmen operative from Monday, in retaliation for the industrial action taken by the NGA.
After the spread of the dispute to Fleet Street, Sir Richard

Marsh, chairman of the Newspaper Publishers ASSULINGA (NPA), made an appeal to NGA Publishers' Association leaders not to repeat the dis-ruption at The Sun or at any other Fleet Street office. He also wrote to Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, asking for urgent TUC inter-vention to prevent any widening of the industrial action. Sir Richard's plea for Fleet Street to be spared from dis-ruption, on the ground that the

20 per cent

By Our Labour Staff

inflation rise

More than half a million white collar local authority workers are to seek a 20 per

cent pay rise, only three months

after they won a 13 per cent increase in the wake of a cam-

paign of industrial action.
The National and Local

Government Officers' Associa-

long service leave.
Mr Michael Blick, leader of

the union negotiating team, said last night: "The claim is

designed to protect the 'in-

creases gained by Nalgo's recent

The employers are hoping to restrict pay increases, due from

July 1, to within the 14 per

cent cash limit fixed by the

industrial action last month,

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threatened to disrupt flights

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tionary days, and we need the and Allied Trades (Sogat).

371-hour week to deal with new technology and the character was the character of Section 1. rechnology and the threat to national newspaper "So

owners with interests in Fleet they cannot be cocooned from the disaster their managements else, this dispute will destroy the myth that all printers get Fleet Street wages."

Most national newspapers have interests in provincial pub-lishing, and would therefore be vulnerable to lightning NGA action of the kind that prevented publication of The Sun, where a small number of foundry men walked out.

In his letter to the TUC general secretary, Sir Richard said that NPA members felt extreme concern at being involved in a dispute that did not concern Fleet Street union agree-ments but affected only provincial papers in membership of the Newspaper Society and members of the British Printing Industries Federation. He also emphasized that "the dispute

printing companies, was put to ing adopted by the NGA curthe NGA national council last rently in Fleet Street".

ight and firmly rejected.

Mr Joe Wade, general secresaid the NPA approach would ary of the NGA, said after-be considered. The move is wards: "We have to face up to understood to have the approval it, the employers have pushed of Mr William Keys, chairman

other main printing union, the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa) have ac-Street will have to accept that cepted the employers final they cannot be cocooned from offer of £75 a week for craftsmen with a 375-hour week outside Fleet Street have now phased in over the next two embarked upon. If nothing years. The NGA is still insisting on payment of the full claim of £30 a week plus the shorter working week now.

The provincial paper and general printing employers' joint negotiating committee met vesterday to implement the ultimatum given to the NGA earlier this week: put the offer out to ballot, or all NGA members will be suspended without pay. Letters advising employers to take that step went out last night, but the union says that some had already begun issuing

notices of dismissal. Mr Peter Medcalf, president of the printing industries federation, voiced "extreme anger" that printing employers were "being forced by irresponsible union action " to lock out employees. many of whom

dispute concerned only provin-cial newspaper and general the use of guerrilla tactics be-Nalgo seeks | AUEW opens fight to retain steel jobs

From Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers yesterday declared its outright opposition to the British Steel Corporation's closure and rundown plans, involving the proposed loss this year of 52,000 jobs. At its meeting in Blackpool tion (Nalgo) is also asking for a £70 minimum weekly wage for 18-year-olds, the introducthe national committee of the union, the second biggest in the corporation, also demanded an tion of a 35-hour week and improvements in holiday and inquiry into the running of the steel industry, and the "increasing imports of foreign steel into the country".

The unanimous backing from the 52 delegates for the decision came at the first policy conference of a steel union since the end of the 13-week national strike in the industry.

extremely successful action from the ravages of inflation. Mr Gavin Laird, an executive member said after yesterday's debate: "We will instruct all our members that if they take action in defence of jobs, then they will have the support of our union."

which stopped rate demands Mr Laird said that the decision would strengthen the full-time officials, is to restore union's hand in discussions differentials to provide a through the Trades Union Conmeasure of career structure in gress aimed at persuading the the union.

corporation and Government to decelerate the proposals. Earlier Mr Laird said that the

strike should never have happened, and when it did, it should have ended a damned sight sooner than it did." He claimed that the union had been in the forefront of the fight to retain jobs, but it could only succeed to the ex-

tent that its members in the industry were prepared to combat redundancies. Mr Laird accused management, in the face of an increase

in imports of 8 to 20 per cent over 13 years, of taking an "inexcusable" decision to limit its own exports, "The management abdicated

their responsibility and ran away from the market oppor-The executive could face con-troversy over plans for a new

pay structure, which will increase the salary of more senior full-time officials by between 25 and 27.5 per cent. The argument behind the plan, which provides for a basic 20 per cent increase for all 190

which accrue to the Post Office from the scheme. This money will be shared in the form of increases on basic pay. Union agreement to the pre-

there was no repetition of last Postal workers, who have voted overwhelmingly in favour of a productivity-linked 15 per summer's mail delays, when the public was asked not to post letters.

After the ballot, age restrictions on recruitment to the sorter grade have been lifted. In the ballot union members voted by 138,330 to 17,290 in substantial fillip for the union leadership and particularly Mr Tom Jackson, the general secretary, who were defeated at a special delegate conference last

similar-package. The only major difference in press. the productivity element now. Mr Murphy, head of Stockagreed is that it does not port District Council, and pubsanction the Post Office's use the Post Office to ensure that summer

Secret BL talks to avert Jaguar dismissals

By Clifford Webb Midlands Industrial

Correspondent Senior management of BL met Transport and General Workers' Union officials and shop stewards in conditions of great secrecy last night, to try to avert the threatened dismissal of 1,800 men on strike at

Jaguar, Coventry
Journalists who tracked the
talks down to the company's management training centre at Haseley Manor, in the depths of the Warwickshire countryside, were rurned away by works police

centre l'as been used extensively for union-management meetings in recent months but this is the first time the media have neither been informed nor given facilities to await the outcome in adjoining rooms.

A BL spokesman explained:

Management wants the talks to take place in private. There will be no statement after-After the three-hour meeting

After the three-hour meeting Mr Eddie McGarry, a senior shop steward said: "I do not think that will help to settle the Jaguar strike. The company simply reiterated its position". In a carrot-and-stick approach on Wednesday BL first offered the University of the same stillars of the same stillars. the Jaguar strikers a joint union-management panel under an independent chairman to in-vestigate their complaints about the downgrading of assembly workers. It followed this con-cession some four hours later

with a warning that they would be dismissed unless they reported for work before Monday Men laid off were recalled yesterday, and both Jaguar factories opened to all who re-ported for work. About 2,800 turned up but 1.800 assembly workers and engine builders

staved out. A mass meeting of 1,000 strikers at Longbridge in sup-port of 50 welders and body finishers protesting at the loss of their "togging-up" allow-ances, voted overwhelmingly to of their return to work.

MPs protest at attempt to 'rus through' social security Bill

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By George Clark

IRA killing campaign halts during talks

From Christopher Thomas

The Provisional IRA's murder campaign against prison officers is in abeyance pending the outcome of top-level falks aimed at ending the "dirty pro-test" by Republican prisoners at the Maze prison.

Cardinal Tomas O Fizich, Roman Catholic Primate of All Ireland, and Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, have met twice in the past two mouths and a third and probably final meeting is to be held soon. Nine prison officers were murdered in Northern Ireland-last year. The Provisionals last killed a prison officer in mid-

January. The IRA has made it known that if the O Finich Atkins talks continue the murder campaign against prison officers will remain in abeyance. If the talks fail the killings will

The "dirty" campaign is in three of the eight H-blocks at the Maze, where more than 350

Republican prisoners are refus-

ing to wash or do prisen work and are fouling their cells. The Covernment's the dirty protest has been set out in a long document produced by the Northern Ireland Office. The 355 prisoners taking part included, it said, 55 convicted morderers and 38 convicted of artempted murder; ment Bill did not go f
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The document said The motive for the protest can paign is the belief that once the Government has agreed to grant special status it would ultimately also grant an andesty to such prisoners at the end of their campaign of riolence.

Special category status was until April 1 granted for offences commuted before March, 1976; it is no longer

given under any circumstances.

Arms cache: Irish police last
night discovered a big arms
cache on a farm in county.

Louth, balf a mile from the Ulster border (the Press Asso-ciation reports). It included rockets, mortar bombs, bomb-making equipment and rifles.

Threats after letter on pay

From Our Correspondent

Stockport Mr Brendan Murphy, aged 38, a senior official in the town hall at Stockport, Greater Manchester, who is employed to deal with the press, says he has received threats on his life and faces expulsion from his month after recommending a union because he spoke to the

lic relations unit, wrote to the

by other newspapers. He was "carpeted" by his branch of the National and Local Government Officers Association and charged with bringing Nalgo into disrepute, doing a dis-service to the membership and misrepresenting the facts. He dave now £11,000 a year. He calcu- union's allegations

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spending.

The motion states that the estimates fail to set out clear priorities for the 1980s, commit the Government to increases in expenditure for in excess of economic growth forecasts and offer no new initiatives towards nuclear and conventional dis-

Hayward attack

The Prime Minister was yesterday by Mr Hayward, general general secretary of the Labour Party. of making trade unions "the scapegoat for all our troubles". He was addressing the Scottish

Skillcentres face closure to save £6m the size of the Civil Service, mouth have been saved. In areas where centres will close the commission is having dis-cussions with local bodies to

By Our Labour Staff
The Manpower Services Commission has announced plans to close 17 Skillcentres and annexes over the next three years. The number of places available for retraining people will increase slightly after the nationalization it reported vesterday.

Closure of the centres will mean the loss of 150 jobs, but no redundancies, and a saving of 50m a year. The commission, which has been ordered to make cuts by the Government as part of its drive to reduce

MPs deplore

brothel keeper By Our Political Editor

in Streatham, London.

The motion, also signed by

tiv espeakers are Mr Charles Irving, Miss Janer Fookes, and Mr John Wheeler.

proposed increase in defence

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reason for the cuts. Sir Richard O'Brien, the commission's chairman, said that if it had been just a question of saving staff and money the commission would probably

have looked at other aspects

The closures will mean that people being retrained at a centre will probably have to travel to another centre. Of the 20 centres originally under threat of closure those at Maryport, Doncaster and Ply-

of its work.

see if alternative training facilities can be provided. The closures received a hos tile reception from the Society of Civil and Public Servents, which represents some of the

workers who will lose their Christopher Eas the society's officer for the MSC, said last night that the

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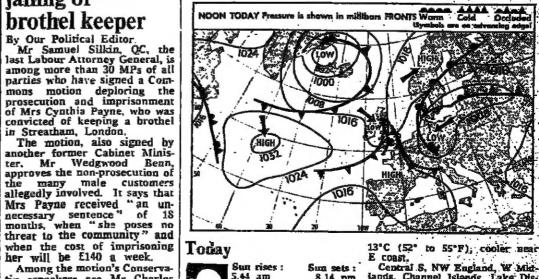
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Weather forecast and recordings



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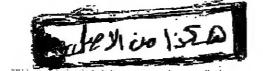
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(Faster than the BMW 525 or Alfa Romeo Alfetta 2000L.)

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HOME NEWS.

Green Paper suggests wider police control of marches Black pupils £7,500 Ar

Home Affairs Correspondent

Ways of providing more flexibility in measures to preserve public order while allowing freedom to demonstrate are discussed in a Green Paper published yesterday.

But it s=ys: "No amount of tightening of the law, short of

draconian measures unacceptable in a democracy, can guarantee the prevention of all disorder.
"If there are those who seek

violence and confrontation, they are unlikely to be prevented by changes in the law from having it. What the law can do, however, is to clarify individuals' liberties and obligations, and to give the authorities sufficient powers to try to prevent disorder before it occurs and to cope effectively with it if it nevertheless breaks out. "In the end, the avoidance

of disorder depends on the willingness of us all to observe the law."
The Green Paper quotes examples of the sort of events

which have taken place since the disturbances in the 1930s attending the activities of the British Union of Fascists and the Public Order Act passed to cope with them.

It refers to recent disturbances not only at Southall but Lewisham and Ladywood in 1977, Digbeth in Birmingham in 1978 and Leicester in April,

The number of demonstrations in London involving the employment of more than 100 police officers was 55 in 1972 and 119 in 1979. In London, the total manpower deployed for all major demonstrations has in-creased from 19,000 to 1972 to 108,000 in 1979. The number of people arrested at major demonstrations in London in 1974 was 247, but 536 in 1979. The larger number of police officers necessary may have reinforced misconceptions of the police role.

Cost of policing demonstrations

The report of the Metropolitan Police Commissioner for 1978 estimated the cost of policing 18 big demonstrations in London at almost £25m. He put the cost of policing all demonstrations in London in 1979 which needed the presence of 100 or more officers at about 55.75m. There are other costs to the community, the public and for court hearings.

The review has as its starting point the need to safeguard the rights of peaceful assembly public protest and the right to public order and tranquillity. It is the task of Parliament to determine from time to time where the balance should lie and of the police and courts to ensure the balance is observed in particular, the

Green Paper says.
The police depend for their effectiveness on the consent and the cooperation of the public. In Britain they do not have sophisticated riot equipment, such as tear gas or water tions. Their traditional approach is to deploy large numbers of officers in ordinary uniform in the passive containment of a crowd. "Neither the Government nor the police wish to see this approach abandoned in favour of more aggressive methods."

There is, under our law, no statutory right to assemble in a public place or to process along the highway, although the European Convention on Secret Human Rights, of which the order, United Kingdom is a signatory, guarantees the right of freedom

of assembly.
But the courts have recognized that people are free to proceed along the highway. subject to certain specific re-strictions. In particular, they



Police holding pickets in check outside Hadfields' steelworks, Sheffield, during the steel strike in February.

can do so provided that they do not interfere with the use of the highway by others or cause a nuisance to occupiers of property adjoining the high-

The existing law on public order, which is complex and fragmented, contains much that is designed to enable the police to cope with disorder once it But it contains relatively little short of a ban on a procession to help them prevent order before it breaks out. The Public Order Act 1936 is the main exception to that. Unlike other powers available to the police which can be exercised only after an offence has been committed, the Act provides, in respect of procesions, powers to take preventive action where a proposed event is likely to cause serious dis-

In respect of threatening, abusive and insulting conduct and (by virtue of the amendment made to the 1936 Act by the Race Relations Act 1976) incitement to racial harred, the Act makes unlawful certain types of words and behaviour which are offensive to the community at large or sections of

have been used less frequently in recent years than immediately before the 1936 Act was passed. In all, they have been used in England and Wales on 11 distinct occasions since 1936 falthough that figure includes as single occasions periods from 1937-39 and from 1948-51 when an almost continuous ban was in force in certain areas). The powers have also been used recently in Scotland.

Section 3 of the Public Order Act 1936 provides that in England and Wales outside London and in Scotland, where a chief officer of police considers that the powers conferred on him by the Act to impose conditions on marches will not be sufficient to enable him to prevent serious public disorder, he shall apply to the district council (the regional council in Scotland) for an order prohibiting for up to three months the holding of all public processions or any class of public procession. Upon receipt of the application, the council may, with the consent of the Secretary of State, make an order. In similar circumstances in London, the Commissioner of the Metropolis or City may, with the consent of the Secretary of State, make an

The Green Paper says a ban on all political marches would undoubtedly be resisted as an encroachment on traditional liberties unparalleled in democratic countries. There would The Green Paper adds: "Nor can the Government agree with

Change in law opposed

The National Council for Civil Liberties last night strongly criticized the suggestion in the Green Paper that the criteria for a ban on marches could be made less stringent. Under resent law, a ban can be imposed only when serious public disorder cannot otherwise be avoided. The council objects to the suggested omission of the word "serious".

It also criticizes the Government's belief that five days' notice of processions might be given. That idea was rejected by Lord Scarman in the Red Lion Square inquiry and more recently by the House of Commons when dealing with local authority Bills. The council says: "The demonstrations that have resulted in public order problems are not those that have taken the police by surprise.

resulted from confrontations be-National Front and others, including members of the Socialist Workers' Party, there are grounds for banning one or other of these organizations or But would it be right for

marches to be banned where serious offence is likely to be caused to certain sections of on racial or religious grounds. police be asked to enforce laws based on a criterion of offensiveness" without becoming seen as the agents of one political or social view?

The Government's provi-against the interests of the com-sional view is "that the fact munity. It can also be argued that a march is being conducted by people who hold have to suffer a reduction in views which the majority of normal police cover nor finance the community find offensive expensive mutual aid arrangeshould not in itself be a sufficient reason to ban the versial groups, drawing much march". To provide power to ban on such grounds alone would be an unacceptable infringement on traditional freedom of thought and ex-

Difficulty of definition

Should the test rather be disruption to the local com-munity? The difficulty, as with a test of "offensiveness", would be defining it suffici-ently precisely without presenting opportunities for undue interference with democratic

There are already provisions forbidding the holding of parades or meetings in certain areas, either absolutely or with-out permission, and the Green Paper, says, "there may be arguments for some limited extension of restrictions of this type. To introduce provisions forbidding processions or meet-

the argument that, since much ing outside certain limited of the recent disorder has areas, however, would be altogether different

The Green Paper says: "The better course might be to give the police a wider power than at present to apply conditions, including a power to prescribe the route, to individual events." The Government's provisional

conclusion is "that the risk of public disorder should remain the basis on which a ban on an event is considered, though the the community, for example, addition of other criteria need not be ruled out. . . . It this is even though serious disorder is accepted, the question then not likely to ensue? Could the arises whether the test of serious public disorder is in practice too stringent ".

It can be argued tidat the rights of demonstrators are being given too much weight as that local ratepayers should not ments in order to enable controof their support from outside the area, to express their views. But the suggestion of a public order test linked to the ity of a force to cope with disorder from its own resources seems impractible, the Green Paper says. Restrictions would effectively limit freedom to

demonstrate in some areas while in consequence placing a heavier burden on others. But the policing of demon-strations does divert police effort from other tasks. "One way of taking this (and inci-dentally some of the cost coniderations) into account might be to enable the effect of an event on the policing of an area as a whole to be taken into

consideration, along with the risk to public order, when a ban was being discussed."

The test of serious public disorder in the 1936 Act is linked to the power to impose conditions on a procession as well as to ban one. "The stringency of the test may have had . . . a more serious effect in restraining the use of the power to im- less be desirable to introduce

pose conditions than in limiting the number of bans on marches. There seem good reasons for some relaxation of the present test if the rights of those who wish to march and those of the rest of the community are to be properly bal-Section 3 of the Public Order

Act does not permit the ban-ning of a particular march. But any narrowly defined ban might be circumvented by skilful org-anizers calling themselves by a different name or finding a different pretent for a braned march. "However, this difficul-ty might be lessened if there were a requirement to give ad-

Referring to debate about procedure to ban, the Green Paper suggests that one compromise might be for powers at present vested in England and Wales in the district council might perhaps be conferred on the county council, if only to avoid the chief officer having to seek ban after ban from different councils if an organization kept on switching its marches from district to district in the same locality.

Under the Public Order Act, there is no power to arrest those who defy a ban or who disober routing instructions given by the police. The Gov-ernment is inclined to think ir desirable that police powers to disperse an unlawful modes-sion for assembly by reasonable force, if necessary, should be clarified by being embodied in statutory form.

Provisional conclusion

A power to impose conditions' on the conduct of a procession is contained in Section 3 (1) of the 1936 Act. That gives a chief officer of police power, where he has reasonable grounds for apprehending that a procession which is taking place or is to take place may occasion serious public disorder, to give directions imposing such conditions as appear to him to be necessary to preserve public order. In practice it appears to have been used by the police with The Government's provisional

view is that public order considerations should remain the ground for imposing conditions on a march, as for banning it. although the stringency of the test of serious disorder might usefully be relaxed and the addition of other criteria need not be ruled out.

"If on balance it was felt undesirable to lessen the test of serious public disorder for banning a march, it might neverthe-

a less stringent test (simply of disorder) for the application of conditions to a march. The power to impose conditions with reasonable cause would remain in the hands of the police.

Should demonstrators be required to meet the costs of policing their demonstrations? Aithough the Government has a good deal of sympathy with feelings that often lie behind such suggestions, practical dif-ficulties seemed formidable. The Government sees more merit in the representations that have been made on many

occasions in favour of a national

requirement for advance notice

of processions." If there were any new con-trols, the first question is to what type of public assembly they should apply. "The diffi-culties that have arisen in preserving order have in the main occurred as a result of gatherings of one sort or other in the

open air." There may therefore be a case for considering whether a requirement of advance notice and the powers to lay, down conditions and, in the last resert, to ban on public order grounds should apply to assemblies on people in public places in the open air (including the highway).

Consideration would have to be given to the sorts of activity which should be exempt from those provisions. They might not apply, for example, to peaceful picketing, though they could apply to large-scale demonstrations in support of pickets." pickets."

The Government is in no way committed to the view that controls of a more or less extensive character are neces-sarily desirable.

No significant evidence

The Government is unaware, however, of any significant evi-dence to suggest that the wear-ing of political uniforms is a general problem at present or that the existing law is inade-Section 4 of the Public Order Act makes it an offence to carry any offensive weapons at a public meeting or procession without lawful authority. The Government would welcome views on whether there is any case for extending police powers in that context to take preventive action. The Government sees no

need to change Section 5 of the 1936 Act as amended which makes threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour in a public place or meeting an oftence.

Section 70 of the Race Relations Act 1976 inserted a new section (Section 5A) into the Public Order Act 1936. That made it an offence for any person to publish or distribute writing. ten matter or to use in any public place or at any public meeting words which were threatening, abusive or insulting in a case where racial hatred was likely to be stirred up against any racial group in Great Britain by the matter or words in ouestion.

Since Section 5A came into force in 1977, 15 people have been prosecuted for incitement to racial hatred or conspiracy to incite racial hatred or both. Nine were found guilty of in-cirement to racial harred.

"Notwithstanding these

figures, it has been argued that the present provision is still largely ineffective, and in parricular that it does not catch activities which cause grave offence to the ethnic minority communities."

The Green Paper says the review will consider both the scope of Section SA and its purpose.
Review of the Public Order Act
1936 and Related Legislation.
(HM Stationery Office, £2.50).

Leading article, page 15

Whitehall seeks

obscenity report

given a Council helping hand prize refus by the law

From Arthur Osman Bedford

The headmaster of a large school with 82 per cent coloured pupils told a crime conference yesterday that, given the opportunity, the resources and the right approach the police would be accepted by young blacks.

Mr Stephen Allast head of Holte school, gave the first review of the six month.

"Lozells project" in which a team of police officers believed significantly to lessen tensions in the largely coloured area of

Handsworth. The conference at Cranfield Institute of Technology, Bed. ford, heard that the project, would cost £36,000 this year. It is being closely monitored by

More than 60 fourth year pupils are involved in a special curriculum plauned and operated by members of the West Midlands police, the edu-cation authority and one of the school's teachers. The children are split into

three groups and attached co lesson are an average of six officers.
Mr Allatt said: "The most telling factor in accepting the

implementation of the project was the deep concern about police-community relations in the area." Undoubtedly the social prob-lems in the West Midlands had

their microcosm in the school, with over 82 per cent of the 1.800 pupils from ethnic minor-ties living in a deprived area. Pupils were compelled indi-vidually and in groups a chief-inspector conducted a detailed examination of a case invalving liberary figures that he a West Indian youth and he saddened by Mr The vited pupils to the police station refused. But it is very to pursue the matter further, his decision is a hard one, "This frankness proved the one strongly left printering point". Mr Allant said. Thank Veronica Wed. From then on the hostility evaporated and a climate of acceptance quickly developed. Sir Philip Knights, Chief Con-stable of the West Midlands, who was instrumental in starts stable of the West Midlands, naver regarded the Arts who was instrumental in starts all as being the state. E ing the project, told the convince being the state. E ference of groups which, when mid now I have met him, subjected to real or imaginary he has acted in a very he harassment, or when runnous able way. It is a won and speculation masquerate as book and I should have fact, can quickly polarize attent in his strictures on state leading to over-reaction.

leading to over-reaction. It may well be that we shook our I was taking should take a fresh look at pression. Mr Robinson said after venive policing and see if a the the Are Council spearhead could not be not many purposes to whice vided to reclaim some of the could devote unexpected ground lost."

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By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter A Titerary award of was returned to the Arts

col during a prize-v ceremony in London las by the winner, Hugh T the historian. It was a t he said at the interventile state in society. Mr Thomas was one o prizewinners in the Arts cil's first national book

in the history or bio category, for his wor Unfinished. History o He is head of the Cen Policy Studies and a socialist. After the chem presented to him by M neth Rebinson, the

chairman, Mr Thomas was a very great honou he was flattered, parti because the book was by Dame Veronica Wed the section judge. But he went on to sa elas, and please don't Par being discourteous, not think I can kee theque. The reason is the last chapter of my book of a great deal, on more

amount of time dealing such matters as the role state in manufacturin dustry, and implicitly, pairon of the arts. "I have surfaced the vention of the state t

decay of civilizations ar collapse of societies; a really what I think a after a great deal of a T have decaded I canno this chemic."
Mr. Robinson sudfence of said she had heard that ing that Mr Thomas we going to accept the mon-am attriid I was very cr

Volunteer officers 'ignore at Bristol riot' further bloodshed minit

By Our Crime Reporter an article says in this week's a repeat of the riot (Gu edition of Police the magazine Correspondent writes), of the Police Federation. Sir Gervis Walker,

of the Police Federation.

In an examination of the riot of Aven-County Council, the article claims that off-duty. Mr Claude Draper, lead officers who volunteered to Bristol-City Council, said help were ignored and eight special support units were never. brought in the police withdrew from the riot area and waited for reinforcements from surrounding forces.". The article says: " What dis-

turbs some members of the force (Avon and Somerset) and outside observers is the apparent absence of an contingency plan to cope with setions, public disorder in the area.

It is not a confidence booster when a chief constable rells the media, at the height of the trouble that the police have been withdrawn because their presence was merely provoca-

But the article goes on to yesterday (the Press A: say that Mr Brian Weigh, the tion reports). Chief Constable of Avon and A police officer said trouble started after a to act as he did on the ground to commemorate Mr that early restoration of the Peach, the teacher who police presence could not during a demonstration achieve its objective and Southall.

occurred.
Council leaders in 5

a private meeting yeste. how best we can help i veloping social ties an creating a stable and i community. We are asking rep tatives of the local comm the Manpower Services

mission, the police and G ment departments to join a meeting in which we to identify the underlying tems in the area. Shields, issued: Police issued with riot shield Wednesday night to deal stone throwing youths in Paul's area, it was com

Peach inquiry statement can be seen, Yard says

By Nicholas Timmins

People who made statements to the police inquiry into the death of Blair Peach will be permitted access to them before. giving evidence at the resumed inquest on Mr Peach, which reopens on Monday, Scotland Yard said yesterday.

The unofficial inquiry ser up by the National Council of Civil Libertles into the events

at Southall in April last year, in which Mr Peach died, recommended earlier this week that all parties at the inquest should be given copies of the statements made to the police Southall or during Comminquiry, which was headed by Cass's inquiry, would be Commander John Cass, former, available. Those who head of Scotland Yard's com- to see their statement ha plaints investigation bureau.

have access to the although the divisional has ruled that the polit Dr Burton are within rights to refuse access to the Peach family lawyers. Scotland Yard said yest however, that as in er proceedings statements m the police immediately Southall, or during Comm. to ask; those who war

coroner, Dr. John Burt

whom the 20-volume repo been made available; o ground that the police is is confidential Counsel f Metropolitan Police, ho

Such a move has been refused copy would have to app by the police and by the maily through their solic BSC entitled to privacy, QC say

A public interest exists in the British Steel Corporation being allowed to conduct its

he said.
"It is in the public interest that a large nationalized corporation, entrusted by Parliament with the management of

help its competitors." Persons who formulate policy of confidential docume

the court. The court, presided over by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, is bearing on appeal by

that they will be pilloried in not just the result of to the press and on television on ductivity but of had m the basis of a leak of what they ment. Granada Television have said, Mr Hoffmaun told

argued that it is in the interest that journalists compelled to reveal sources. But there was I for the confidential journalists sources recognized as a public is

Apology for former police chief over Confait book

former detective chief superin- Secretary. tendent, who led investigations into the death of Maxwell Con-fait, accepted an apology in the introduction to the book High Court yesterday in settlement of a libel action against the authors and publishers of a book, The Confait Confessions.

record. One of his investigations Confait, for which three youths were convicted, although their from criticisms in the book of convictions were subsequently police behaviour, they apoloquashed on a reference to the gized to him.

Mr Alan Keith Jones, a Court of Appeal by the Home

The investigation and trial criticisms were made of police

book, The Confait Confessions.

Mr Jones, of Upper Shirley
Road, Croydon, had sued Mr
Jonathan Caplan, Mr Christopher Price and Marion
Boyars Publishing Ltd.

Mr David Vaughan, his counsel, told Justice O'Connor that Mr Jones retired on pension in 1977 with an exemplary record. One of his investigations

Mr Jones had behaved corruptly was into the killing of Maxwell or given perjured evidence and if such inference was drawn

Patients to get breakfast of rolls and jam to save cash

Patients in Berkshire's 32 hospitals than in general hospitals will wake up to rolls, butter and iam from

The decision to change from a traditional English to a continental breakfast has been taken for financial rather than nutritional reasons, and it is ausing a minor rumpus among staff who believe in patients starting the day with a hearty

Mrs Tessa Jowell, assistant director of MIND, the National Association for Mental Health, called the decision to make the £18,000 saving disgraceful. "It is indefensible that mentally ill people whose services re-ceive such low priority should once again be asked to deliver a saving to the district management team", she said. "Less money is spent on food in men-

butter and jam from next Mr Paul Walsh. East Berk-Thursday instead of the usual cereal and cooked breatast. (rezearch). "All the staff are shire's senior nursing officer (research). "All the staff are cutraged", he said. "There should be an increase in the food provision in long-stay pospitals.

Mr Walsh said it was not only the breakfast menu that would change under new proposals. High tea at 5 pm and supper at 7.30 pm are to be streamlined.

Berkshire's health budget is about £70m a year and the authority is expecting a £1.5m deficit because of the Government's reluctance to allow for inflation. It is hoped that West Berkshire will be able to save £12.000 and East Berkshire £6,000 by introducing the new breakfast.

In brief End of fagging at Eton

Fagging at Eton is to be abolished by the end of this

Michael McCrum, the Head Master who retires in July, said: "It is generally considered to be outdated. Outsiders are inclined to look at it in terms of Tom Erown's Schooldays."

Inadequate air supply led to pothole death

Ian Plant, a potholder, of Settle, North Yorkshire, died after going ahead with a dive 200 feet below ground even though he knew he did not have a fully supply of air, it was stated at an inquest at Kirrby Lonsdale, Cumbria, yesterday. A verdict of death by misad-

Gunmen flee offices An office block at Trafalgar vesterday after two armed men were surprised inside the build-ing by a security guard. The

New survey ship A new coastal survey ship to help in the hydrographic survey of shipping routes round the British coast is expected to

be ordered later this year. Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Trade, said yesterday. Unlucky gambol Mrs Ivy Scott, aged 67, of Cineton, Warwickshire, suffered a broken arm and back

injuries when butted and knocked down by a neighbour's pet lamb called Herbie. Assay Office to reopen A strike over the loss of 43 jobs at the Assay Office in Birmingham is over. The office, which has been closed for the past 10 weeks, will reopen on Monday.

Random breath tests urged to cut drink-drive deaths

By Annabel Ferriman Health Services Correspondent

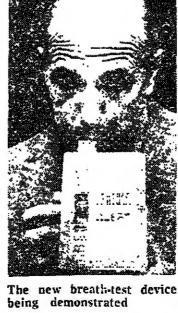
Police should have the power to test any driver for excess alcohol in the blood and not just those suspected of being drunk, Mr R. H. O'Hanlon, deputy chief constable of Staffordshire police, said yesterday. Only if such random tests vere introduced would the drink-driving legislation regain its former impact and save perhaps one thousand lives a year, he told the Royal Society of Health's annual conference

in Folkestone.
The first breath-test Act in 1967 saved an estimated 5,000 lives in the subsequent seven years but gradually lost its impact. The situation was worse than it was before the 1967 Act was introduced, he said.

"The police are the first to arrive at the scene to sort out the chaos and pick up the hodies. Can you wonder that they have a glazed look in their eyes, as you trot out the old chestnut about the liberty of the subject, when they have just finished attending to a lovely young schoolteacher whose face has been Jacorated to shreds by being thrown through a wind-

Three out of four drivers who were killed on Saturday night had excess alcohol in their blood. Nearly one in every two drivers in his teens and twenties, killed ou the roads, had excess alcohol in his blood. "Would you like to knock on the door and tell the parents of their loss?", Mr O'Hanlon Other changes that would

reduce the toll of road accidents, which cost an estimated £20m in 1979 in Staffordshire alone, would be making seatbelts compulsory, driving tests more difficult and cars safer, he said.



glass windscreens were often available only in more expensive cars or as optional extras. New breath-tester: Nottinghamshire police yesterday launched a new type of breath test which uses coloured lights to test a person's alcohol level in place of the usual crystals (Our Nottingham Correspondent writes). The Nottinghamshire constabulary is testing the equipment and its findings will be passed on to other forces. The

a motorist has consumed before taking to the road. It involves the driver blowing into a microphone-type attachment. The alcohol con-Car safety devices such as tent of the breath s rear fog lights, head rests and displayed on lights tent of the breath sample is

machine, called Alert UKI, is

expected to improve methods

of detecting how much alcohol

By a Staff Reporter The Government is seeking comments on the Williams report on obscenity and film censorship, which recommended widespread changes in the laws on obscenity and indecency. Announcing the move yesterday, Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, asked that comments be in by July 31.

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comments be in by July 31.

A consultation note outlining the report's recommendation the report's recommendations is available from the Home

The committee, which re-

ported last year, recommended a ban on a small range of material, with restrictions on pictorial material which would "offensive to reasonable people" so that it would only be available at special outlets, with warning notices and entry prohibited to those under 18. The committee also recommended no controls over exclusively written material, a ban on live sex shows, a statutory body to replace the British Board of Film Censors, and the removal of a local authority's powers to

affairs in private, Mr Leonard Hoffmann, QC, said in the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The corporation, as a public body, must be as much, or more, entitled to the protection of the same laws of confidentiality as any private company,

the iron and steel industry, should be able to prevent leakages of information which

for a great nationalized indus- obtained about British S try. like those who formulate The documents forme Government policy, must be basis of a programme able to have confidential discussions between themselves ruary 4, which argued and their advisers without fear British Steel's problems.

Granada Television against a ruling by Sir Robert Megairy, Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery

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ur Correspondent police officers were at Sheffield Crown sterday in the case in ic jury was vetted for

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s cleared Space programme will be victim of cuts be victim of cuts in UK science budget

By Robin McKie of The Times Higher Education Supplement

earth's resources.

There will be no new space programme for the United Kinedom before 1985 because of the recent Government cuts in the country's science budget. The reductions in research funding will also severely limit projects in biotechnology, and curtail spending on an ambitious satellite surveillance orogramme to monitor the programme to monitor the

earth's resources.

Those decisions are concontained in the Science Research Council's plan for 1981 to 1985. It has been approved by the council and submitted to the Advisory Board for the Research Council, the part of the Department of Education and Science responsible for distributing the science budget.

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However, the council has decided to approve spending on several big projects over the next four years. They will include the £9m optical telescope and the £5.7m millimetre radiation telescope for the United Kingdom Northern Hemisphere Observatory in the Canary Islands; a £2.3m investment in robotics research and

Canary Islands; a 12.3m investment in robotics research and
a commitment to participate in
the European large electronpositron (LEP) collider to be
built near Geneva.

In its submission to the
advisory board, the Science
Research Council outlines its
priorities for funding, given
that, it is to receive annual
support which will now remain
relatively constant at about

£165m in 1979 prices. Those are spread over the research council's four boards: engineering; astronomy, space and radio; science; and nuclear physics.

physics.

The main engineering project will be implementation of the Roberts' report, published in March, 1979, which called for a substantial research council role in preparing Britain for the advent of the microprocessor. That will be done by setting up microelectronics programmes in schools, universities and at postgraduate and continuing education levels, and by establishing several large new research programmes. large new research programmes.

A total of £9m is to be spent on the microelericonics pro-gramme, including £2.3m which will be invested in robotics research, particularly for the development of new techniques for industrial automation. A further £1.4m will be spent on new university MSc courses in integrated circuit design, £800,000 on research into microelectronic sensor and measur-ing techniques, and £900,000 to set up a Very Large Scale Integration (VLSI) microchip plant at either Edinburgh or Southampton universities.

To provide money for the microelectronic programme, research projects in medical and civil engineering, and in marine technology, will have to be cut. Also, funds to support biotechnology research into the industrial use of cenetic engine industrial use of genetic engin-eering, will be limited to £2.7m.



Shells for the nation: Mr William Ogden, of Woodbridge Suffolk, with his collection of shells, collected in Suffolk about 70 years ago, which he has donated to the British Museum (Natural History). Among many items in the collection is the type specimen of helix ogdeni, found by Mr Ogden in 1914. The collection was accepted on behalf of the museum yesterday by Mr John Cooper of the Department of Palaeontology.

Local elections: enthusiasm lacking in North-east

Labour seems likely to succeed

From John Charties
Newcastle upon Tyne
The outcome of the local
government elections in the
North-east can at least be pre-North-east can at least be predicted with a fair degree of confidence—continued Labour control with higher majorities. Under the post-1974 local government reorganization procedure which still puzzles the general public, and makes it difficult for political leaders to stimulate any sort of enthusumulate any sort of enthu-siasm, elections will only take place in six of the north-east districts, in the five districts and boroughs within Tyne and Wear Metropolitan County, and in Hardepool.

These will all involve one-

third of the memberships only. Because of a dispute over the Birtley ward in Gateshead, the Home Office has not announced details of new boundaries in the region so there will be no "all out" elections.

A third of the councillors in Barrow-in-Furness, which used to be in Lancashire, but used to be in Lancashire, but is now in Cumbria, and therefore within the government's and the Labour Party's "Northern" regional structure, are also due for re-election. But in most people's minds (including the Conservative Party's), Barrow belongs to the northwest, certainly the Queen is still referred to there as the still referred to there as the Duke of Lancaster when loyal toasts are drunk.
All five of the Tyne and

Wear councils are firmly in The posters are going up to sprink Labour hands, and as the unemployment figures mount to levels which are frighteningly reminiscent of the 1930s, a of Robert Curthose, eldest son Communisharp anti-Government demon-

stration by-those who take the trouble to vote on May 1, seems

unavoidable.
Labour's holdings in the 78seat councils of Newcastle city,
Gateshead, Sunderland, and
North Tyneside, are respectively 44, 57, 53 and 44. In
South Tyneside, Labour holds
41 out of 66 seats. In Hartlepool
(where the unemployment rate 41 out of 66 seats. In Harrieponi (where the unemployment rate has reached an awesome 13.5 per cent). Labour holds 23 out of 47 seats with an opposition of 16 Conservatives, three Independents, and five Ratepayers. Here, Labour could obviously well win undoubted overall conservations at the seat of the se trol in a town where everything seems to be going wrong, even the possible loss of its pride and joy, the contract to restore the Victorian iron-clad, HMS

Warrior.

Newcastle contains the ingredients for the most interesting contest. The constitution of the council is 41 Labour seats plus one casual vacancy previously held by the party, 31 Conservatives, two Independents, and three Liberals.

The city is in the forefront of the national argument about rate levels, with a 33 per cent increase this year bringing its Warrior.

increase this year bringing its figure to £1.761p in the £. The Conservatives say that New-costle is the highest rated town in the country with the increase 50 per cent above the Government's recommendation. One of the Labour candidates, maintains, however, that people do pay more in Westminster and Chelsea.

who built a castle here. With

who built a castle here. With these celebrations the city is putting a brave face on its many misfortunes and bustling places like the Bigg and Grainger Street markets couvey a perhaps superficial impression of cheerfulness and prosperity. Almost daily the regional newspapers report another factory closure, and the regional unemployment figures released this week recorded a total of 132,295 out of work (9.5 percent), the worst statistics in the United Kingdom, with the exception of Northern Ireland.

The total of workless is nearly 20,000 up on the figure recorded when the Government took power. It seems inevitable that the Conservatives will be blamed for that depressing trend, and for measures announced recently to reduce

nounced recently to reduce grants to such job-seeking bodies as the North of England Development Council.

The Conservative line is to light back on the rates issue fight back on the rates issue. Other rate rises include 37.3 per cent in Hartleppool, 23 per cent in North Tyneside, 28 per cent in Gateshead, 18.3 per cent in South Tyneside and 20.7 per cent in Sunderland.

The Liberals, who have three

per cent in Sunderland.

The Liberals, who have three seats on Newcastle city council and four on Gateshead council, are taking a fairly realistic view of their prospects, but are fielding 30 candidates in the Tyne and Wear districts with some high hopes in Newcastle city and South Tyneside.

The total line-up includes a sprinkling of independents, ratepayers and Ecology Party candidates, but there has been no showing from either the

no showing from either the Communist Party or the National

Fire destroys offices of newspaper

From Our Correspondent

Colchester
The offices of the Bury Free
Press in Bury St Edmunds,
were largely destroyed yesterday by a fire which police said
was deliberately started.
They are thought to be linking the fire with two other
attacks in the past few weeks

attacks in the past few weeks, the worst of which was the destruction of the Bury St Edmunds sports centre.

Police said that the premises of the 125-year-old Suffolk weekly newspaper had been forcibly entered. More than 40 firemen fought the blaze and forcibly entered, more than and firemen fought the blaze, and at one stage 150ft flames leapt through the roof. The library containing material dating back to the founding of the news-paper was saved from serious damage.

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Correspondent

evil, whatever the Velsh fire-raiser was rd Hooson, QC, the medd, yesterday. Roberts, aged 41, a Adwy Ddu, Peneth, was jailed for rs after admitting to an empty cottage, ore than £4,400 of

was in January at the the arson campaign second homes in M. Lewis Jones, for e, said there was no

al report, Mr Roberts ed to commit suicide.

Counsel added that Ma Roberts was of low intelligence and was addicted to drink. Before committing the offence, he had drunk half a bottle of whisky and some beer, and swallowed some of his wife's sleeping tablets.

Mr Huw Daniel, for the pro secution, said the cottage at Penrhyndeudraeth helonged to Penrhyndeudraeth belonged to a local farmer who was renovating it. The fire had been started by lighting hay, which had apparently been soaked in paraffin. When seen by the police next day Mr Roberts's clothing had hay adhering to it. His boots matched footprints found outside the cottage. outside the cottage.

Lord Hooson said it did not

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st evidence Correspondent

efulness of tacho-in road accident was highlighted by eric Hails, North ire coroner, at a crash inquest at rent yesterday. hearing evidence strument he said it adness had not caused

orilal Narshi Pandit, a lorry driver, of Lane, Leicester, died ag out of his lorry on shoulder of the M6 field in Staffordshire. fun over when his s struck by a French

hard Lambourn, a scientist, said the l in the cab of Mr ibi, the French lorry vealed that he had l rests on his journey oner recorded a ver-idental death on Mr

Three Dartmoor fires when horseman rode by

An Army officer with binoculars who watched a horseman on Dartmoor dismount three times and start fires gave a warning yesterday of possible danger to human lives because of the dry ground and strong winds.

Up to 50 square miles of moorland have been blackened by fire over the past week. Colonel Noel Hodson, who is in charge of the Army firing ranges on Dartmoor, said: "There is no question of one 'nutter' being responsible for the lot. The horseman I saw was probably doing illegal swaling, burning off part of the moor to get better, fresher grass when it grows through.

Swaling is banned in the national park from April 1 to national park from April 1 to

October. Colonel Hodson, who watching a remote stretch of moorland near Princetown, has stopped his men training with inflammable materials such as tracer bullets and flares be-cause of fire risk.

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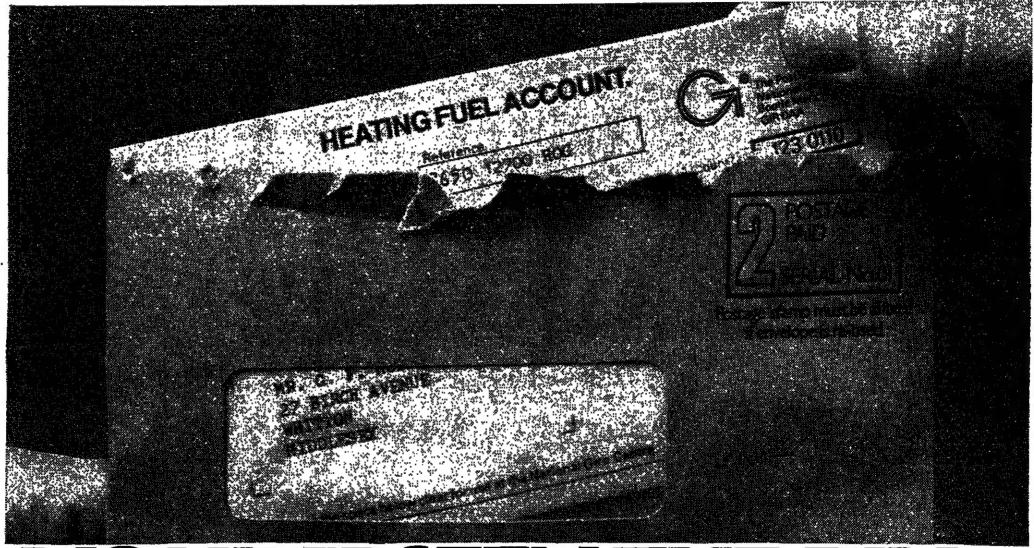
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people who construct elters for their homes nal shelters should be the basements of new oldings and provided ocks of flats and on

morandum, which is mitted to the Govern-

Stocks of food should be aug-mented by bulk supplies of de-hydrated and freeze-dried foods

stored in blast-proof shelters. The budget of the United Kingdom Warning and Monitor-ing Service should be trebled to £13m; the memorandum says.



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Police secrecy surrounds charging of unnamed London man by Operation Countryman team

The secrecy surrounding Operation Countryman, the investigation into allegations of London police corruption, has claimed that senior Scotland Yard officers were not told for three days this week that a London man had been charged and had appeared in a London

No official explanation for the secrecy has been given. although unofficially operational necessity" has been mentioned as the reason given to the Yard. A number of neople are said to have been charge went unreported. Tuesday The Times asked an unnamed man arrested in raids by Countryman last week had been charged and appeared in court. The police denied the report, based on a well-placed source, and said their informarion was that the man was still assisting police with their inquiries. When Scotland Yard was told they were asked to

Cold killed

works' cats

From Our Correspondent

Most of the thousands of works cats which died when

steel plants shut down during the recent strike were victims

Strikers held collections to

buy fond for well-loved works care, and middle management.

who worked during the strike.

volunteered to feed them, but

beating was turned off and furnaces shut down during the

13-week stoppage.
Dozens of animals were saved

after the British Steel Corpora-

tion donated thermal wool and

volunteers used it to make insulated cat boxes.

Mrs Myra Hamond, organizer

of Cats in Industry, the industrial section of the Cat Pro-

rection League, said vesterday: "Sadly the national toll must

run into thousands. There were

2,000 works' cats in the Shef-field area alone, over 500 at Shorton, 400 at Corby, and 300

at Scunthorpe. Of these, about

cat population has been wiped

out completely."

Although cold was the main killer, many died after eating poisonous substances with

which they would not normally

Some were lucky, "Apart from those saved in the

insulated boxes, some men took

home their favourite cat for the

A restaurant will be opened this year in the Great Hall of

the fourteenth-century North-

borough Castle, near Peter-

schemes are criticized in re-

According to preliminary findings by the government-financed Building Research Establishment, faults on local

authority housing sites are distributed evenly between design and construction. These

faults occur "despite—or per-haps, in part, because of—the prodigious quantity of informa-

recommendations

The study was prompted by

mandatory requirements that already exist".

the high national expenditure

on repairs of defects in local

authority housing. Cutstanding repairs will cost local councils

or the Government £250m.

according to some industry

Faults identified in the past, often in both low and high-rise

council homes built in the

1960s, have included condensa-

tion, corrosion, flaking concrete

and insecure cladding. In some cases local authorities have been compelled to demolish

The Building Research Estab-

lishment study, conducted in conjunction with the National

Building Agency, is concerned

with low-rise housing, Research

teams spent up to two weeks on

each of six sites, and paid occa-

sional day visits to a further

seven. Although the study is not

able to cover every stage of construction, each site has so

iomes less than 10 years old.

ports published yesterday.

Over 100 faults found on

Standards of workmanship on both private and local authority house-building terim report says that more

each of 13 housing sites

keep them as house pets."

Restaurant at castle

By John Huxley

"In some areas the works"

a third died.

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not of hunger but of cold.

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Yesterday Montague Fitzmaurice, aged 45, of Corporaappeared at Newham West Magistrates' Court on remand reached the pitch where it is charged with offences involving incitement to commit robbery. Mr Michael Chance, for the Director of Public Prosecutions. told the court that Mr Fitzmaurice had been remanded from Monday. Mr Fitzmaurice, flanked by

two members of the Countryman team, listened as Mr Chance, legal adviser to Countryman, told the magistrates the charges involved inciting others to com-mit robberies over several interviewe; this week while the months against Securicor vehicles and other targets.

Mr Chance said the other

Scotland Yard to confirm that people were serving substantial sentences or were awaiting trial. He said Mr Fitzmaurice was not legally represented and there was no application for bail.

Mr Fitzmaurice was remanded police custody until next Monday. The charges involve police officer. Seven were

in a remand prison, such as Brizzon. Where a man is held in police custody it usually signifies that he is a major informant or "super grass" but a Countryman source denied yesterday that they had any such informants.

Countryman is made up of officers drafted from provincial forces, and it is claimed that normal practice in the provinces is to hold someone in police custody while they still have questions to ask.

Although Metropolitan Police officers attached to the magis-trates' court and the local police station knew about the charges on Monday, that information was not passed on to Scotland Yard. One senior officer there found our what

was happening through the DPP's office.

Eight people, including Mr Fitzmaurice, were arrested last week by Countryman and taken to Guildford police station. None of them is or has been a seven men between September, released and Surrey police were 1978, and February, 1979. aware on Tuesday that some-lt is normal in London for one had been charged.

Growers' veiled threat to French apples

By Hugh Clayton Agriculture Correspondent French and English apple

growers failed yesterday to end their dispute about sales in Britain of Golden Delicious apples from France. Their talks foundered on the question of curbing imports and ended up with a veiled threat from English growers to prevent apples from passing through ports in this country.

English growers want an unqualified cut in the number of French apples sold here, but their French counterparts have agreed to consider only restrictions on the type of apple sent to Britain.
The point was obscured in a

joint statement issued after the two sides had spent most of the day in talks in London. The statement said merely that "French producers were not able to impose quantitive restrictions on French imports into the United Kingdom." Mr Dan Neutehoom, chair-

Farmers' Union of England and Wales, made it clear after the talks that English growers were sceptical of cutting imports through curbs on the type of apple allowed in.

"We have expressed the view to our French colleagues that there will be no improvement if the measures that are going to be taken do not result in a substantial reduction in imports", he said.

Union members wanted an agreement by mid-June, so that imports would be curbed before the next marketing season. Without such a pact with French growers, Mr Neuteboom continued, "we cannot guaran-tee the safe arrival of their consignments in the United

M Charles Calleja, president of Afcofel, the French associa-tion of fruit and vegetable growers, said: "We understand the anxiety and the seriousness of the positions of some English growers. The French grower can not accept a drop in returns for the second year man of the apple and pear turns for committee of the National running".

Lifting of hygiene control on milk imports opposed

By Our Agriculture

Milk imports should be prevent imported milk from banned until EEC hygiene regulations were harmonized, health Evidence given to officers said yesterday. The mittee yesterday will duration of the strike", she Environmental Health Association said in evidence to the Commons Select Committee on weakening Agriculture: "It is right to against milk retain the present controls and restrictions. Ministers face pressure from like foot-and-mouth British grocers and consumer

important faults include defec-

tive connexions between walls

and roofs, emission of fire

stopping, poor bedding of lin-

tels and inadequate ventilation of roof space. Many faults, it

says, can lead to problems of

wearhertightness and condensa-

he published towards the end of the year.

Meanwhile, the National House Building Council said yesterday that it would disri-

bute posters encouraging build-

ing workers to improve their

workmanship. The campaign has been prompted by the results of a survey of new

home owners by National

This disclosed that 40 per

cent of buyers felt the stand-ard of workmanship provided hy the builder was low. Some 45 per cent complained that

the finishing on new homes was poor, and 59 per cent said

that the after-sales service pro-vided by builders was slow.

said they were pleased that they

had bought a new home, while seven out of ten said that the next time they bought they

would again purchase a new

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Nevertheless, 93 per cent

Opinion Polls.

The group's final report will

groups and from French farmers to lift health restrictions which

Evidence given to the comcomed by British farmers and dairymen who oppose any weakening of British rules against milk imports. They fear cut-price competition and the introduction of cattle diseases

Food Report, page

Korchnoi shares chess lead with two rivals

By Harry Golombek

Chess Correspondent Yesterday was a rest day before the final round in the Phillips and Drew Kings tournament at County Hall,

However, the necessary clearing-up of all the adjourned games before the last round. having been duly effected, it became clear that the destinabecame clear that the destina-tion of the first prize was within the range of four players: Andersson, Korchnoi and Miles, who have eight points, and Sosonko, who has 7}. A winning score has to be at least 8}, since Andersson is playing Korchnoi in the last round today. round today.

Korchnoi missed a golden opportunity of gaining the sole lead in his adjourned game from round 12 against Gheorghiu. At one stage he had a quite obvious move that would have won off-hand. But, prob-ably through fatigue, he overlooked it and the game was drawn after 59 moves.

In the other adjourned games from round 12, Stean beat Timman after 59 moves and Andersson, playing an adjourned game from round 10. versus Larsen with a sure hand, winning in 73 moves and share the lead with Miles and

The remaining scores are: Speelman 7. Gheorghiu and Ljubojevic 61. Sax and Timman 6, Larsen 51. Browne and Stean 41. Nunn 4, Short 2.

WEST EUROPE_

Contrasts as unions protest in Paris

Paris, April 24

It was a day of two demon strations in Paris. One which was thousands strong, paraded through the streets in nearcarnival mond. The other, no more than a dozen in number. stood herded by police round the tcorner and out of sight of the, main entrance to the

The big demonstration had been called by the communist-led CGT union "to pur a swift end to the anti-social aggression of the authorities and the em-

plovers ". All round France the CGT had called strikes and demonstrations to back its action, with th eresult that there was disruption in most nationalized industries as well as in larger engineering and textile firms.

The protest coincided with the first day of a six-day strike being organized among teachers at every level in France, which is claimed to be the biggest action of its kind in the country

for over 20 years.

The demonstration was more of a stroll than a march, with police discreetly out of sight With its music and cheering with its been and sandwicher. with its beer and sandwiches provided by enterprising militants in vans, and with its colourful caps and scarces, the demonstration was almost a festival. In every respect this was in marked contrast to the other trade union demonstration organized beside the

Elysée. It had been called to campaign for the release of Mr Vladimir Borissov from the Soviet psychiatric hospital where he is held. His crime. according to the organizers of the demonstration is that he has tried to form a free trade union inside the Soviet Union.

The protest was aimed at Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who this morning called at the Elysée to see President Giscardg. d'Estaing. The demonstration sookesman was Mr Marek Halter, the writer. While Mr Gromyko was talk-

ing to the President, he said. Soviet troops were killing Afghans, Jews were being held inside the Soviet Union against their will. Dr Sakherov was in exile, and men like Mr Borissov were held prisoner in so-called psychiatric hospitals. Mr Halter said he hoped the

President was putting these points to Mr Gromyko. The demonstrators never caught a glimpse of the Soviet minister. let alone managed to meet him. While he was whisked away from the Elysee they were bunched together by police under their solitary black banner, hidden from view in case they should embarrass cause of détente.

Simone de Beauvoir admitted to hospital

Paris, April 24.—Simone de Beauvoir has been admitted to hospital suffering from strain after the death last week of Jean-Paul Sartre, her long-time companion, sources close to the

family said today.

Sartre was buried yesterday at Montparnasse cemetery in Paris. Mme de Beauvoir went to hospital a few hours later.

Mr Gromyko meets plain speaking at Elysée sources, views were expressed frankly and clearly. On the central problem of Afghanistan, there was no sign of any change in the Soviet stand. M Giscard d'Estaing and Mr Gromyko did not confine themselves to that gesting that there must have subject alone, but surveyed been a good deal of plain speaking.

Today the Soviet Foreign

Mr Gromyko, left, and President Giscard d'Estaing during their meeting at the Elysée Palace resterday.

hours, longer than was origin-ally scheduled. Mr Gromyko told reporters afterwards: "The Soviet Union firm in its pursuit of détente and in the quest to overcome the difficulties which have arisen in international develop-ments, but as is well wnokn, everything does not depend on ul and constructive".

According to Elysée Paiace in the same direction."

risk of this working visit of the was downgraded from an official one before Mr. Gromyko arrived) was set by official French comment on yes. terday's take between the two France Soviet relations a foreign ministers and their positive significance of p

They took place as the Quai countries for the lab d'Orsay, which was sealed off peace and internation d'Orsay, which was sealed out perarion.

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STRUCTIVE " CONVERSATION ing that both sides bad the stable developme

Budget dispute delay likely as ministers fail to settle farm prices

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, April 24

A delay in the settlement of Britain's budget dispute with the EEC, until the June summit meeting in Venice at the earliest, appeared almost certain after the failure of the agriculture ministers here early today to agree on the level of this

From Our Own Correspondent

Ritual references to cordiality

have been lacking from official

comment on Mr Andrei

Gromvko's talks in Paris, sug-

Today the Soviet Foreign

Minister met President Giscard d'Estaing, first in private, then

over a working luncheon, with both M Jean Frençois-Poncet, the French Foreign Minister,

and ambassadors of the two

countries present. As he left the Elysée Palace, Mr Gromyko described the meeting as "use-ful and constructive".

Paris, April 24

year's form prices. The outlook for next week's summit in Luxembourg at which the British are hoping for a breakthrough on the budget, looked so bleak that the possibility of a further postponer of the meeting was said to be possible, though unlikely.

In a statement issued yesterday, President Giscard d'Estaing of France said that settlement most other member states. issues at the summit was out of the question without a prior undersanding on farm prices no more than the political blessing of heads of government.

After labouring through the night. Mr Peter Walker, the British Agriculture Minister, cent at least, and his community colleagues. The Agriculture Ministers

summary of the existing differences.

There was some embassment therefore, that the French my Off Califical Editor.

There was some embassment any budget relief approved for Palitical Editor.

French circles that Pierre Mehaignerie, the French Agri-culture Minister, had allowed the document to go through in the small hours without mak-ing sufficiently clear its unsatisfactory nature from France's

point of view. That was charitably attributed to fatigue.

The document declares that a farm price settlement must include "some increases in prices"; measures to start the rectoration of a better balance. restoration of a better balance in certain markets, in particu-lar for milk"; and the observance of budgetary constraints. But this simply conceals the wide gap between Britain and

Britain insists that there must be price freezes on milk, sugar and wine, which are in large surplus, and for other products an increase of no more on average than the 24 per cent proposed by the European Commission. Most other governments want rises of up to 6 per

Britain at the summit tone.

Britain a reduction On the other matter to which demand for a reduction Franch attach high interest fl. 100m net EEC budget c the French attach high importance—the protection of their

sheep farmers—the Agriculture Ministers again made no progress.
The dispute over fisheries policy, which France and other member states are anxious to

see resolved, appears to be less important than solving the budget problem. A statement of good intent would probably

The French pressure for higher farm prices puts Mrs Thatcher in dilema. If she gives in it will lead to extra costs on the EEC budget, and since Britain, with a relatively small farm population, benefits little from argricultural expenditure, its net contribution to the budget would be further increased.

The value of any reduction in the estimated net contribu finally approved an anodine did agree, however, to meet tion of £1,100m that might be document for transmission to again on May 6 in Luxembourg, agreed at the summit could be the summit. The document little more than a week after offset by a high farm price attempted little more than a the summit. It seems possible, settlement.

Thatcher silence on tactics

ingion—at this week sammit meeting of Comm

leaders in Leaemburg pro-jeers of a "sell out" Labour MPs in the Com yesterday. Five times Callaghan. Leader of Opposition, dettended the Thatcher stick to her t that she would not age

increase prices of agrico products in surplus Five Mrs Thatcher dodged So too, later, did Mr.
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man on agriculture. The Oposition probabl the better of the Cor knock-about But Mrs Th aureived the onslaught r loose words, which will her to present any two decent settlement as a v

Whether she can get another matter. .The Government is at ing to do a package di another name at Luxei Without being prepared, Thatcher said yesterd: barter agriculture rises in return for B budget settlement she pared to settle other t within the same scal

good Comuniti spirit. This is very different her approach at Dub demanding our money and Labour is determined anything less the £1.100m seem a defeat Last minute, but imp preparations for Luxer include the rearranged London today of Signor cesco Cossiga, the Italian Minister, who is current sident of the European C

Herr Strauss

Herr Franz Josef opposition candidate for cellor in the West elections, arrived in yesterday at the contro

private aircraft.

During his visit, which the invitation of the Co tige Parry he will me Margaret Thatcher, the Minister, ar Downing. and later give a prewhom it guarantees security of ference.
food supplies . . . It is its He met Conservative

yesterday.

M Francois-Poncet sees no quick solution to Britain's EEC payments problems Common Market operates since basis of respect of the prinquestion arises for British pub

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, April 24 If Britain should insist at the European summit in Lux-embourg on Sunday that its contribution to the Community budget should more or less balance Community expendi-ture in Britain, it will receive

no quick satisfaction, at least as far as France is concerned. That is the upshot of the French position as stated today by M Jean François-Poncet, the Foreign Minister, in an inter-view with The Times in Paris. He was replying to a question whether British demands involved fundamental Community principles or only the rules mplementing them. The British

The British usualist amounted to the introduction in the Community of "an entirely new principle, that of just return, even if or M François-Poncet said. "This principle would deeply modify the existing system, that of own resources, as well as the extent of the solidarity, which, as a result, unites member countries. "This may surprise British

public opinion. It can indeed regard as fair that a state-should draw from the Com-munity budget the same amount as it has contributed to it, and that it should 'get overcome them. It is ready to affairs, are its money back'. But the give her support and aid on the the EEC.

From Tim Jones

Monte Carlo, April 24

Being driven by a French

undertaker determined to re-

construct through rush-hour

traffic the Monte Carlo rally

is a fine catalyst for thinking

of the hereafter. He was one of

300 thanatologists, better

known as undertakers, gathered

in the principality to discuss

The thanatologists were

clearly worried that changing

artitudes to death could under-

mine their profession, making

them in the public eye merely transporters of corpses.

death in all its aspects.

770 on other principles. ciples on which the Community
"The geographical origin of is founded." M François-Poncet 1970 on other principles. Community resources is not feared that little progress on taken into consideration. The Britain's demands had been balance of receipts and expen-diture has no cause to be drawn "The controversy

balance' is foreign to the system." However, should all the memhe r countries come out farour of the system suggested by Britain, France would agree to examine and discuss it, on condition it did not work for one country alone but was applicable to all, the minister went on. It was normal that the member countries of the Comshould help one

No one contested that there was a problem for Britain arising from the end of the transitional period. The Nine in Strasbourg last June had agreed to examine an easing of the British contribution, but this relief must be "limited in zime and compatible with Community resources. If that is the nature of Britain's demand. France is ready to consider it and seek a solution.

"The French Government knows Britain's difficulties. It appreciates the efforts and sacrifices she is making to

"The controversy is not between France and Britain, but

between Britain and all member

countries. It has two aspects. The first is financial, France has no particular interests to defend. She is not a net bene-ficiary from the Community budget. The second affects tehe principles of the Community. It concerns all member countries." Referring to French innist-ence on a "package deal" at Luxembourg he said: "It stands to reason that when the Community is wondering whether to change one of its most important rules in favour of a member country, it connot neglect or postpone the essen-

day-to-day existence."

To the question why people in France were always asking whether Britain was really "European", he said, "The question of Britain's membership of the Community does not arise for France. She hopes Britain can make her full contribution to it. Her democratic traditions, her many overseas links, her experience of world affairs, are as many assets for

showed 59 per cent of English men questioned regrettedB ritain's entry. It is by demon-strating her actual respect for Community rules that Britain will convince her parmers of the depth and irreversible character of her European com-The British economy had characteristics which distinguished it from other member

lic opinion. A recent pol

side the Community than the did, and her agriculture made upo nly 2.3 per cent of her national wealth. She had, since entry, begun to reorient her trade currents, but there was a way to go yet.

I asked the minister about a fundamental reform of the com mon agricultural policy that some modifications were needed, he replied, but there

countries. She bought more our

was certainly no question of a fundamental reform. "No one today denies that the CAP is a cornerstone of the construction of the Community It is not only essential for countries with a strong agricultural potential and for the farmers themselves; it is also for the whole Community, to

food supplies . . . It is its

flies in for London talks By Our Foreign Staff

Moves to boost home ownership

By Our Planning Reporter A seven-point programme for. encouraging wider home ownership and in the process bringing more unused land and empty huildings into use, was outlined yesterday by Mr John Stanley, for Housing and

Construction. The proposals encapsulate previous Government policy statements which will be given legislative effect when Housing Bill is enacted this

Their reiteration at this stage may be seen as an attempt to counter some of the hostile criticism that came after puhlication of the latest housebuilding statistics. Mr Stanley and his colleagues are arguing that the proposals reflect the

Conservative emphasis on an expanding private sector and ameliorate hardship caused by the steep decline in council

points as: The sale of council houses to sitting tenants. The sale of land owned by local The sale of land owned by focal authorities to private builders. Building low-cost "starter homes" on such land in partnership with private builders. Improving homes for sale. The sale of unimproved homes for improvement by nurchasers.

Local authority guarantees to

schemes. A great deal of exper tise had been built up by pioneering authorities, but the house building.

Mr Stanley listed the seven not well enough publicized, he said. He intended therefore to produce and distribute a model scheme which would bring together ... examples of best practice. We are determined to give

Improving homes for sale.

The sale of unimproved homes for improvement by purchasers.

An increased emphasis on shared ownership. local authorities all pessible able particularly if authorities aim to achieve the greatest possible realisation of housing Local authority guarantees to aim to achieve the greatest possible realisation of housing Mr Stanley, speaking at an capital receipts and to make Institute of Housing seminar in the maximum use of private London, placed particular em- financing,"

Mr Howard Raether, presi-dent of the American National Funeral Directors' Association. suggested yesterday that school courses, together with guided tours of funeral establishments, could change the attitude of post-death activities".

He claimed that better-educa-

ted high-income earners were likely to have less religiosity.

"And the less religiosity, the greater the chances are for a negative approach towards any post-death activities."

Mr Ruether said that statistics shortly to be released would show that cremations had trebled in the past 20 years. Some chose cremation because

burial, while for others it was can doctors that death itself within a family. In a status symbol. would be conquered by the year would, said. Mr Raether They like to feel that in 2100. choosing it they prove they

Monte Carlo odds favour undertakers after AD 2100

of French people did not want to be immortal. This was in

In spite of, or because of their follows it is not bliss.

have overcome tradition and sombre profession, the thanat. M Jacques Jourdon, taboo It might become significant the world over that increase of cremation being a factor of the profession their tenth world gists, said that as a ground of cremation being a factor. stead of cremation being a form congress. Afternoon trips in we're concerned to of disposition of the body pre-cluded a visit to the Nice their image. It was not ceded by a rite or ceremony, or funeral home, an elaborate fun when people cross palace which recalls Whispering Clades, the mythical resting place described in The Loved conference centre, the a One which enshrined Evelyn camo was packed with Waugh as the thanatologists' engaged in the pointiess while a conference to be as part of a ritual, cremation will be both the alpha and the omega following death. That omega rollowing is all there is."

Although many people wished to deny death, Professor Louis Thomas said a recent Waugh as the thanatologists' who emphasized by the complete state of the complete s Waugh's image is resented by hause. An inquiry to the thanatologists, who emphasize that their expertise is they would five very so based on a compassion which, indeed by death still beleases the traumer of the cases the

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o, April 24 Americans who have Mr George Bush, the director of the Central ance Agency as a liberal the front runner in the contract of the front runner in the

can race for the presi-must have been sorely med last night. m hour-long televised Houston, Texas, the ning Republican cand with each other to their conservative It transpired that acd on most points, exception of certain other economic poli-their suggestions for the Afghanistan crisis.

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Republican will run as independent for US Presidency

From Our Own Correspondent challenges we confront in the Washington, April 24

Presidency as an independent.
He has been contesting the Republican nomination, but said that he could no longer hope to win it.
He said: "Too many people m our nation are disillusioned to the past."

Mr Anderson declared his candidacy for the Republican nomination in the same room in the National Press Club here the same to be the pressure of the

with the prospective chaices our party structures are offering. The result is frustration, apathy and despair.

"I believe that growing dis-

affection with the political process poses a far greater threat to the stability of our democratic institutions than what some are sure to charge is an oblique, perhaps frontal attack on the two-party system." Mr Anderson denounced President Carter in his speech and Mr Ronald Reagan, the Republicon front runner, answering questions afterwards, answering questions afterwards.
Of the President, he said; "Our
nation is adrift in whot
Churchill would have called
a gathering storm. Since last

June the signs that America is beset by a crisis of govern-ance, and one of truly alarming proportions, have multiplied. "The source of the crisis is plain to see. The current Ad-ministration has demonstrated a total inability to chart a clear,

common sense economic policy that is capable of arresting our conomic decline Of Mr Reagan, Mr Anderson said that he was dedicated " to

a consthuct of government that

Mr John Anderson, a
Republican Congressman from filinois, announced today that he has decided to run for the Presidency as an independent.

He has been contesting the a man who I think is largely

last June. He got a far bigger crowd today. Mr Anderson campaigned actively in six primaries and won none of them, but from the first battle, in the lower campaigned in January, he but from the first battle, in the lowa caucuses in January, he demonstrated that he was indeed different from his rivals. He did very well in the primaries in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Vermont, and although he lost his native Illinois by 10 points to Mr Reagan, he won far more votes than anyone had expected than anyone had expected early in the campaign.

He is conservative in economic policies, though not so extreme as Mr Reagan, a liberal social issues and a moderate in foreign affairs.

He has acquired a large crowd of young and enthusiastic volunteers, rather like Senator Eugene McCarthy did with his "children's crusade" in 1968. He will need all of them-first of all to raise money.

Mr Anderson chose to run as an independent rather than to found a third party (as Mr George Wallace did ni 1968) for legal reasons. He stands a better

a consthuct of government that chance, as an independent, of is so Hmited in its vision, that getting on the ballot in the it simply is not adequate to the various states. ed fate of independents running for President

Germans fall out: East Germans fall out: East Germans fall out: East Germany dismissed the regrets expressed on Wednesday by Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, over his decision to recommend a boycot of the games, as "pure them." It was flowers to the state of the second of the games, as "pure them." It was flowers to the second of the second of the second of the second of the games, as "pure flowers to the second of t cot of the games, as "pure sham". It was flagrant inter-ference in the affairs of the Olympic movement, Neues Deutschland, the party newspaper said .- Reuter.

IOC keeps door open for individual athletes

From Alan McGregor

Lausanne, April 24
The executive board of the International Olympic Committee has not finally closed the door on the possibility of individual athletes competing

individual athletes competing in the Moscow Games.

The question will be reviewed when it next meets here on June 9, once the number of participating countries at Moscow is clear. The deadline for formal acceptance of invitations is May 24.

tions is May 24.

Mr Lance Gross, New Zealand
member of the nine-man board, said before leaving for home today that while the "present position" of the sports federations was against individual participation "it would be unwise to say this is final in any circumstances."

any circumstances".
"Some national Olympic committees may say: We're not going to officially promote a team but if any of our com-

a team but if any of our com-petitors want to go we have no objection?"

While he did not think par-ficipation at Moscow would be more than 50 per cent "at the best", he believed the protocol change endorsed by the IOC would have some effect.

"Some governments have told us they will not allow flags or anthems to be used but are perfectly happy to allow representatives of their athletic bodies to take part in the Games provided they do not parade the nation's acceptance of the feet them. of the he said. fact they are there"

He indicated that the Greek Government's proposal for giving the Olympic Games an extra-territorial permanent site in Greece had been well received, and the plan would be studied.



Siamese twins Chang Chung-yi (centre) and Chang Chung-jen, of Taiwan, learn to walk with artificial legs in a Taiwan hospital. The operation to separate them was carried out last year.

S Africa school boycott spreads

Johannesburg, April 24.-

schools and universities.

The eight days of unrest over the effects of racial segrega-tion on the school system fol-lowed the arrest of four activists, including Mr Curtis Nkondo, a prominent black, in police swoops in Johannesburg and Cape Town. Police said that they had also arrested a teacher and three students.

A spokesman denied reports that betons had been used to break up two silent protest meetings held by Indian high school pupils in Durban. The spokesman said tear gas had

South African riot police went into action again today as a countrywide boycott of classes by maioly Coloured (mixed-race) teenagers spread to more schools and universities.

But the Durban Daily News said it had received dozens of complaints from parents and other witnesses about the police action. They said police used batons and broken branches to disperse the curils agad disperse the pupils, aged between 13 and 18. Several

received cuts and bruises, but no one was seriously hurt, In other cities police kept in the background and no serious incidents were reported as the boycott, estimated to involve more than 100,000 students, continued.

The protest, which began in Coloured high schools in Cape Town, has been taken up by older students at some univer-sities and training colleges. These include two Indian universities in Durban. detention with Several hundred Coloured to 14 days.

primary school youngsters, aged between six and 12, were reported to have joined the boycott in Cape Town. The arrest of Mr Nkondo, a

leading figure in the black township of Soweto, came after he attacked the government's policy of racial separation in education. He told a student meeting at

the mainly white University of Witwatersrand: "We want good education now. And if that means I am to be banned, let the banning order come."

Security police said Mr Nkoudo and the three other activists—one coloured, Indian and one whitebeen arrested under a law which provides for renewable detention without charge for up

KGB 'used toxic gas to disperse Baptists' By Our Foreign Staff

The KGB used toxic gas to break up a religious gathering in the Ukraine, Pastor Georgi. Vins, the exiled Soviet Baptist leader, said in London yesterday. The incident occurred in. August last year at an illegal meeting attended by 150

It was among a number of examples of Soviet persecution of the church described by Pastor Vins to illustrate the Pastor Vins to infistrare the active disfavour in which the Baptist community of 400,000 isheld by the Soviet authorities. He said a gas canister was thrown after a KGB order to disperse had been ignored. It caused vomiting and discomfort and, in once case, unconsciousness for several hours.

The master who is in London

The pastor, who is in London to publicize the plight of Chris-tians in the Soviet Union, will meet Mrs Thatcher at Downing Street on Tuesday and seek her support. Since he was stripped of Soviet citizenship and deported in April, 1979, he has lived in the United States. He served two prison sentences amounting to nine years for his beliefs while he was a minister of the Evangelical Baptist Church in Kiev.

Pastor Vius said intimidation

against Baptists who refused to register as such with the authorities had significantly increased since the Olympic Games had become an issue in the Mart Of the 11 members. the West. Of the 11 members of the illegal Baptist Council, eight were in jail and the others were in hiding. There were now 60 pastors in prison, compared with 35 at the beginning the compared with 35 at the beginning of the council of the counc

ning of the year. Baptists had been warned not to take advantage of the influx of foreign visitors to demon-strate their faith and many Baptists would be barred from the vicinity of the games. The Baptists applauded the boycott campaign by the British and United States Governments because the games would be used by the Russians to give an impression of a free society,

e problems facing Mr Anderson

on, April 24 bave been five "third andidates running for dency this century, not socialists, probibition-uni-abordonists. By far successful was Theo-sever, who in 1912 won ent of the vote against Taft's 23.

M. Willes

resident only carried s, Uteh and Vermont, drow Wilson won with rtable 42 per cent. ", in this context, is measured in terms cast. No third party has got anywhere near since the Republican a its first victory in lers, this century, were

i Follette, Progressive, who won 17 per cent e), the Radical, Henry (2.3 per cent), the allace, who won 14 per 368. Roosevelt was the whose intervention the outcome of the

ted scarcely a ripple statistics. Mr John now running as an ent Republican, will do better than that. ar he will do as well Follette, whose candi-

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to a Minority Rights (RG) report published

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seriously thinks he can though there are plenty of ner-yous Democrats who think that he might throw the election to

Mr Reagan.
Mr La Follette ran because he could not stomach the candidate his party chose on the 103rd ballot at the nomineting



convention. Neither could be possibly support Calvin Coolidge, one of the dimmest of a long procession of dim Republican Presidents, who is, how-ever, a hero of Rouald Reagan's. Mr Anderson is appalled at the choice likely to be offered electorate

dent Carter and Mr Reagan. He has heard voices, promising him that America wants something different and that he is the

senator Eugene Mc. His first problem will be n on his own, with no money. The Federal Govern-rty backing, in 1976 ment pays for the candidates of the two main parties, and third party candidates, and will reimburse Mr Anderson for his electoral expenses according to the proportion of the vote he gets. Meanwhile, he has to raise the money himself, and the probably the closest law forbids him accepting large is an open question. It donations from individuals.

tars still seek return home

to take the plunge now, rather than wait until after the party conventions, is that it is a lengthy, expensive and difficult process to get his name on the ballot in the various states.

He has already missed the filing deadlines of a number of states, including Ohio and Maryland and must file this week to catch New Jersey. He can be certain that rival supporters, particularly those of President Carrer will some no legal Carter, will spare no legal effort to keep him off the ballot in as many states as possible, and he must therefore have competent lawyers in every state to

protect his interests.

The deeper question is the validity of his basic assumption, that the country must be offered a wider choice than that provided by the two established parties. The evidence of the states where he ran for the cially his native Illinois, where he won 37 per cent of the Republican rote to Mr Reagan's 48 per cent, is that the country now regards him as an irrele-

When Theodore Roosevelt appeared at the Bull Moose convention in 1912, the delegates cheered him for 52 minutes. Mr Anderson arouses no such ferrour, even among the most faithful and youthful of his supporters. His only hope is a national catastrophe, the sort of disaster that will break the habits of a century.

The Maskherians are a more

fragmented group suffering the same form of discrimination, but many of them uncertain

about whether they are Geor-

The Soviet Germans, on the other hand, most of them descendants of settlers who came to Tsarist Russia well over a

hundred years ago, are not con-tent with the partial nature of their rehabilitation in 1964, and

are seeking to return to their Volga German homeland. Their

gians or Tucks.

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bourgeois nationalists" of the late twenties. In 1944, prompted by Stalin's fears about the loyalty of his non-Russian subjects, the authorities deported the Crimean Tatars, overnight, with considerable brutality; as many as half the population lost their lives in the deportation to the Urals and Central Asia and in the following bleak months. Ten years of campaigning, which included petitions signed by over three million people, finally secured their rehabilitation in 1967. The joy that followed was shortlived: within a couple of years it became clear that rehabilitation was history is similar to that of the Tatars: deported to Siberia and Northern Kazakhstan from a flourishing homeland as suspected German sympathizers during the Second World War, minorities, all rehabilit- clear that rehabilitation was t nevertheless still dis- not going to mean either a they were rehabilitated in 1964.
Since then, according to the samicder material available to the MRG report authors, Ann Sheehy and Bohdan Nahaylo, the Societ Germans have been national autonomy even permission to go The report says that the Tatars attempting to settle in the Crimea have been harassed, the Soviet Germans have been the Soviet Germans have been blocked in all attempts to return home, and as a result their demands for the reestablishment of an autonomous republic are yielding to demands for the right to emigrate to Germany. The Crimean Taturs, Volga Germans, and Meskhetims (MRG Report No 6. 36 Craven Street WC2 75p). 22 more die as violence grows



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S Korea miners accept deal and end strike

Seoul, April 24.-Miners who rioted over wage demands, teizing the coal town of Sabuk,

round Sabuk, where 50,000 residents were virtually held hos-tage during the siege that began with a riot on Sunday.

During Sunday's rioting, about 3,500 miners and their families attacked the town,
Under the agreement, the
miners will receive a 20 per cent pay increase backdated to January 1 as decided earlier but will have their annual bonus increased from the present 250 per cent to 400 per cent. They also received assurance of

another pay increase if coal-prices are increased.—UPL

and showing signs of torture, were found round four small towns in northern El Salvador. The roling junta has annonneed that it will establish diplomatic relations with communist nations in Europe, but not with Cube which is said to he supplying men and weapons to leftist guerrillas.—UPL



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OVERSEAS ____

Both Houses of Parliament express grave concern at diplomatic rift with Riyadh after showing of film

Ministers rebuke TV authorities after expulsion of ambassador

Parliamentary Correspondent

Senior ministers in both the House of Lords and the Commons yesterday called on the broadcasting authorities in the United Kingdom rapidly to put their house in order to avoid future incidents of the kind that has led to the expulsion of Mr James Craig, the British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. He was ordered to leave the

country on Wednesday in re-taliation for the film Death of a Princess, which was shown by ATV on April 9. Aithough calls for various

forms of censorship were firmly resisted by both Lord Carring-ton, the Foreign Secretary, and by Sir Ian Gilmour, the Lord Privy Seal, the sharp rebukes delivered to the television com- should develop in stability and panies were of a strength that peace without the interference

Octoradeh, the Iranian Foreign

Minister, today threatened that

Iran would retaliate against a United States blockade of its

cil ports by stopping its neigh-

hours from sending oil through

"If sanctions or anything clse keep Iranian oil from leav-

ing the Gulf, no other nation would be able to ship any oil through the Gulf". Mr

through the Gulf", Mr Cothzaden told a press con-

The United States has con-

freq exporting through the Gulf. Mr Qotbzadeh said "Yes"

threat of Iranian retaliation in

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sanctions with moves to increase

Iran has reacted to American

Iranian oil exports.

Tehran threat to stop

all Gulf oil traffic

in event of blockade

and leftists.

"The CIA is

Mr Qotbzadeh said.

of the Government's grave concern over the break in relations and there were assurances that everything possible would be done to heal the rift quickly so that the minimum disruption would take place.

Lord Carrington appealed to ing in Saudi Arabia not to be deterred by these events, and Sir Ian told the Commons that there was no reason to believe that British subjects would be less welcome in that country than they were before the latest

development.
Lord Carrington said that the United Nations and Saudi Arabia shared a common con-cern that the vital Gulf area

they will find difficult to ignore. from outside powers. External 2 good look at the consequents statements to both Houses, threats to the area meant that ces of what they were doing the two ministers left no doubt the two countries should be drawing closer together instead

of drifting apart. Sir Ian told MPs that the Government would regret it deeply if this country's close relations with Saudi Arabia were damaged by an event for which neither Government was responsible. He emphasized that this was an incident outside the British Government's control.

However, while emphasizing the importance of a media free from government control, there was no reluctance on the part both ministers and backbenchers to declare their displeasure and disgust at what has happened.

Lord Carrington said that in the light of what had happened, those who produced these programmes would do well to have

In the Commons, Sir Ian-said that while the Governmentwas careful not to interfere with the fredom of communicafreedom must be balanced by a degree of responsibility by those people who made films

which were shown abroad. From the Conservative back-benches Mr Eldon Griffiths, MP for Bury St Edmunds, gave a warning that one of the conditions of press freedom was that there must also be responsibility by the media Another Conservative backbencher, Mr Nicholas Winterton, MP for Macclesfield, said that the producer of the film. Mr Antony Thomas, had a history of pro-ducing inaccurate and biased

He urged Sir Ian to make

Broadcasting Authority ensure "that these wingers did not have the country were not subject to power to undermine the best interests of the United King-

benches, Mr Andrew Faulds, MP for Warley East, spoke of the irresponsibility and selfinterest of some the bright boys in the media, both in TV and in the public prints. They made political attacks under the guise of entertainment damaging British and Western inter-

However, together with the anger at the television authorities, there was a word of caution from Mr Peter Shore, foreign affairs, While endorsing wish for close relations with Saudi Arabia, he weged

to the Saudi Government that the press and television in this ministerial dictation.

While we should respect the culture and traditions of their country, Mr Shore said, we should expect an equal respec for our own traditions of which freedom of the press and information was a vital part. Sir lan replied that even before the film was shown in had been made clear to the Saudi Government, that the Government did not British control the media and had no

wish to do so. Later it was confirmed that Mr Francis Pym, Secretary of State for Defence, and members of the select committee on foreign affairs, who were due to visit Saudi Arabia next week would not now be going.

Saudi move made under

Saudi Arabia's decision to ask Britain to recall apparently taken after consultation with other Islamic governments and is the expression of widespread anger in the Arab world, according to Arab.

Further sanctions are likely against any other country which shows the film, up to and including a demand for the recall of ambassadors. Probably further measures will be announced after the meeting of the Islamic foreign ministers. to be held about the middle of Other countries where relevision stations are planning

Though the decision to de mand the recall of Mr James Craig, the British Ambassador, was within the purview of the Saudi royal family who felt directly insulted by the ATV film Death of a Princess, there was considerable pressure both within Saudi Arabia and outside it for action against Britain. As guardians of the holiest places in Islam the Saudi royal family have been Mrs Louisa Kennedy, wife of one of the Tehran embassy hostages, met at pains of late to present a more Islamic face to the world

Fundamentalist Islamic critics of the film are, however, un-enimous not only in their assessment of the production as anti-Islamic but also in their surprise that the Saudis are drawing attention to an incident which is still controversial with in the Islamic world.

arrangements between the CIA. The execution of the princess was in violation of Islamic law and the Saudis have never pro-vided the rest of the Arab world with any explanation of tions and the possibility of mining the Persian Guil. I think why the princess was not given a proper trial nor why Kinz Khalid, as leader of the Saudi royal clan did not prevail upon Prince Muhammad, the prin-cess's father, to punish her in-discretion in some other way. The Saudi complaint that the princess wanted to marry a

Koranic law. U'S considers : A State Department spokesman said that Washington had been in con-mer with the Saudis and was listening to their concern about

our airfields, which are not subject to British veto, soon to be film in America early next replaced by missiles not subject month (our Washington Corresto British veto, could suddenly pondent writes). The State be sucked into world conflict Department was looking into the matter, he added.

over envoy pressure

to show the film at present are the United States and Norway.

both at home and abroad.

Japan announces partial economic boycott

"The level of Iranian deposits has deckined from \$700m to \$300m since the beginning of the year" a senior official in the Bank of Japan said. Japan said.

Mr Tamio Amau, official spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Ministry, announced today that staff in the Japanese Embassy in Tehran would be reduced from the 16 it now has but officials refused to reveal how many diplomats will be

Mr Amau said the partial embargo against Iran would be reviewed if the American hostages in Tehran were not released by May 17-the deadline set by the EEC before it im-posed the second phase of

plan for Palestinians Carter Administration

King Husain calls on

EEC to hasten its

Amman April 24 force fordan into play On the eye of the newly part intensified negotiations on The King today repeat Palestinian autonomy, King central and unchanged Husain of Jordan today made ties that the Palestinian strong plea for the REC to launch its new peace mutable in an effort to save the region from what he described grants

moil and growing anger".

In an interview with The Times, the King claimed that his "worst fears and sus picions" about the deadlocked Camp David peace process had come true. He called on the European states, including Britain, formally to unveil their much canvassed plans for an amendment to the United Nations resolution 242 which would recognize the rights of

would recognize the rights of the Palestinians.

Speaking in his spacious hill-side palace overlooking Amman, King Husain said that Jordan's relations with America had sunk to their lowest ebb in the 27 years he has ruled. He emphasized that Europe had a more valuable role to play in the search for a peaceful serile-ment in the Middle Bast than either America or the Soviet

"With all due respect to the two major powers, many of us, are beginning to feel and speak more about the fact that there re also others who can comin bute towards a solution and have e right to do so he eard "Maybe part of the errors of the recent past", which he blamed for the crisis, had been the lack of participation of certain countries in reaching

as "a state of confusion, sur-

solution ". The King urged both America and the Soviet Union to come forward and join the plan now, under consideration by the and the Soviet of the plan nose that the consideration by the EEC, adding that without Soviet participation no lasting settle ment to the Middle East problem is feasible. He liber the state of the solution of the first time actively consideration to the first time actively consideration. It feel that Europe has closer links with this area in terms of its destiny and its fourth of the explained. Europe is less likely to be under pressure, it has more continuity and more of an emphasis on printing the problems caused to alleged support for the like problems to alleged support for the like alleged support for t

Both the King and Mr. Sharif. Abdul Hamid Sharif, his new Prime Minister have made it-

Jewish militants I Vicensures on rampage Israel in in Arab cities

From Moshe Brillian Tel Aviv, April 24 Heoligans believed to have been Gush Emunion militarist into southern Lebanor, in went on the tampage through facts of hostility against U the Arab cities of Remailes and Namons in the area sever El Birch testly today, hurling witness were killed in tistones through the window, of actions

stones through the window; of scores of cars, homes and shops.

The raid was apparently a in the vote after Mr Ik reprisal for repeated trab attacks on Israeli verificies passing through the form cries ing through the form cries morth of Jerusalem.

The assault began if midnight and Arab residents said they were kept awake for at hour the finkle of breaking glass; said the societ distribution distribution into the inwas and arrested four israelis in a tender with a crate of moves and hammers. Military government headquarters said the suspects were from Bethel, a Gost United Nation's four largest moved in their investigation.

Arab socurces said four largest military government the action settlement. They said the prisoner's were not cooperating in their investigation.

Arab socurces said four largest military for largest military in the action is sent to the moved in the action in the

Israeli cars had been involved. in the action.
Several West Bank mayors

met in Ramallah today in defiance of a ban ordered by the military governor. military governor.

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Lebation foray

New York April 24 prity Council today cen derael for its military incu

United Nations force w last week allegedly b

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, April 24 equipment required for the has been withdrawing millions half completed \$3,500m of dollars of matured deposits Chira, the Prime Minister, met key members of the Cavinet to Japanese-Iranian petrochemical plant at Bandar Khomeini. from Japan. Japan, the key to the success American sanctions against discuss the Iranian crisis

Mr Benn sees Britain

being sucked into war

the Iran crisis, Mr Anthony

Wedgwood Benn, the former Labour Cabinet Minister, told

the Scottish TUC at Perth yes-

ing in Iran is not that being

relayed to the British people

by the press and on the radio.

he said. In its campaign for re-

armament, the British Govern-

ment was guilty of the "most

Mr Benn. MP for Bristol

South East, has personal know-

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did not wish to defend the de-tention of the American host-

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Shah back on the throne and the West armed the Shah—no

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Britain is in danger of being doubt there were intelligence

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Berlin.

Tehran, imposed a partial economic baycott on Iran Iranian officials or companies.
At the same time the
Japanese Government today announced that "several" Japanmorning after Mr Masayoshi

Japan was Iran's largest supplier of machinery, cars, steel, clothing and synthetic textiles. Japanese exports to Iran, worth \$925m (£420m) last year, rose to a record level of \$239m last month.

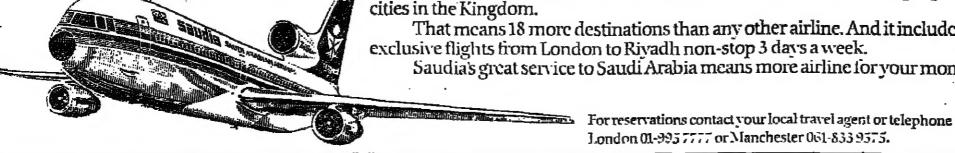
suspended supplies on Monday Japanese companies Japanese Government offi-

companies account for nearly 80 per cent of exports to Iran. help the United States secure The measures also exclude the freedom of the hostages in exports of food, chinaware, Tehran, was announced this general merchandise and capital

action against Iran.

Bankers in Tokyo told The Times today that the Bank Markazi, Iran's central

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Graham, the British Ambassador to Iran, is due to return to his post in Tehran in the next day or two, after the decision by the European Council of Ministers that ambassadors would report to the Iranian President on the outcome of their meeting (Our Diplomatic writes).

90 per cent of leftist action all over the world, including Iran ",

Ambassador returning : Sir John

sidered blockading the water-way to prevent tankers carry-ing Iranian oil from getting Sir John must be getting quite used to the journey. He came to London for consultations earlier in the month, then went More than half of the West's hack to Tebran for a week and returned to London again this oil imports pass through the Gulf, mainly from Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf states and Although the number of staff at the embassy is being sharply Asked if Iran would stop

reduced, the Ambassador may remain at his post. The com-munique issued after the Council meeting seemed to leave although he refused to dis-close how. His remarks the decision open on the level amounted to the first direct of representation to be maintained. It stated that Ambassadors were being instructed to return to Tehran before May 17, the date set for the imposition sanctions, to "follow the situation" and to try to improve the living conditions of the car announced an oil contract American hostages.

traric links with the Soviet block. The Government yester-Meanwhile. the Foreign Office is anxiously pondering the implications of the Saudi decision to send Britain's Ambassador home. No date has Romania and said others with eastern Europe were in the The Foreign Minister blamed the United States for recent violence at Iran's universities been set for Mr James Craig's

which have involved clashes be- return **Kurdish plea for Red Cross** action to end fighting

In a possible sign that the Kurds were heavily on the defensive the Society of Kurds Resident in Tebran issued a and the United Nations Human guerrilla groups there. Rights Commission to inter-Shaikh Ezzedin Hosseini, the Kurdish religious leader, also

called for help against the brutal actions . . . of war-The fighting first flared up when, according to the Government, it began moving units to

view of renewed tensions with neighbouring Iraq. But the Kurds say the Government's

area to Kurdish groups seekgroups and would work to

After heavy fighting last summer the Government virtually gave up control of the

ing autonomy. But recently President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr issued a warning that the Government would not be dictated to by such armed

real intention was to restore central authority in Kurdish plea inday for the Red Cross areas and wipe out the political

bolster Iranian defences in

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today, instructing large trading concerns and business leaders to refrain from entering into new export contracts with ese diplomats will be recalled from Tehran and all Iranians will now have to obtain visas for entry into Japan.
Officials claimed here today that the economic boycott will

Tehran because Japan is

Iran's largest trading partner.
Japan's initiative, designed to

E German trade

bypass sanctions

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, April 24
Less than 24 hours after the

EEC governments threatened sanctions against Iran, a trade agreement between Iran and

The agreement, which has

been under negotiation for a

few weeks, is believed to pro-

vide a framework for expand-

ing trade between East Ger-

many and Iran especially if the West should impose its sanc-

It would pave the way for

Iran to buy at least some of the goods made inaccessible by

the sanctions, such as machinery, and at the same time possibly enable East Ger-

The East German economy has been seriously hit by the world energy crisis.

Germany was signed in

agreement may

the Prime Minister at No 10 Downing Street vesterday.

erdav.

many to buy some of the oil it ages, but the people must be badly needs, Western observers warned what was really

breathtaking

Energy Secretary.

lapan was also the world's largest consumer of Iranian oil until the authorities in Tehran refused to pay the higher price of \$35 a barrel.

emerge as a greater blow to cials said the sanctions would the revolutionary government not cover small companies be-

The Mitsui Corporation, which has a 50 per cent share in the plant had been planning to send 300 engineers back to

Sadat and marbe other intelli-

of what the situation could be

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with weapons. We sold them to

out the Saudi Arabian pipe-lines and the United States

were to be deprired of oil.

American intervention in Saudi

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in Iran as the situation became

"Then, the F111 bombers on

catastrophically dangerous.

and confrontation."

would inevitably lead to

" If the Iranians were to take

"When I read of trade sanc-

the site to resume construction Yesterday, Mr Reza Salmi, Iran's acting Finance Minister, warned the Japanese Government that the future of the venture would be "placed in jeopardy" if Japan applied

sanctions against Iran.
Addressing the Cabinet today
Mr Ohira said Japan was willing
to make sacrifices for its
"friend and major ally" but he cause Japan's six largest trading said his government opposed companies account for nearly any form of American military



VERSEAS_ Unisian abinet inounced

is, April 24.—President Bourguiba reshuffled his et today after yesterday's nument of Mr Muhammad as Prime Minister, but the main portfolios uned.

new ministers include fongi Kooli, a disgraced r minister in 1978, but ejoins the Government as er attached to the Prime ter's Office. He also bedirector of the ruling estour Socialist Party, reg Mr Muhammad Sayah, takes over the Supplies ousing Ministry. ousing Ministry.

Slaheddin Baly, the Minister, moves to al Defence, replacing Mr Sfar. Mr Mzali replaced ing Mr Hedi Nouira both me Minister and party try-general. Mr Nouira stroke on February 26, fected by today's re-were Mr Hassen Belk-

the Foreign Minister, Mr Guiga, the Interior er, and Mr Habib Bour-junior, the presidential

Azali, who is 55, bas been "ge of day-to-day govern-n Tunisia since March 1. announcement of his on to the Premiership, not unexpected tended firm reports that Mr needs several more to recover. He was

paralysed by the stroke, ich he bad treatment in

entering politics in Ar Mzali has served as r of Education, Defence, and Sports and Health. iber of the party since toe since 1964 and the o since 1969.—Agence

Released opposition leader in outspoken attack on General Zia

From Hasan Akhtar Islamabad, April 24 Mr Asghar Khan, president of the Opposition party Tehrik-i-Istiqlal, who was released last Friday from nearly six months' house arrest, said here today that he was defining a governhouse arrest, said here today that he was defying a government ban on political activity to launch a struggle for restoration of civilian representative rule in Pakistan under the Convincion of 1073 stitution of 1973.

In a stinging attack on General Zia ul-Haq, who has ruled the country since July 1977 after the overthrow of Mr Rhurele Country Shutto's Government, the former head of the air force said he was firmly of the view that no military government either now or in the future could serve the interest of the could serve the c could serve the interests of the people and the country. The military junta must relinquish power, he demanded, claiming that it brought nothing but

disaster. Mr Asghar Khan also strongly opposed Pakistan's policy to-wards Afghanistan and said that Islamabad should resume direct dialogue with the Kabul regime to stop the influx of Afghan refugees and to return those who had come.

He said the refugees were creating grave problems for Pakistan and alleged that the Government had encouraged refugees to use Pakistan as their base for operations against the Kabul regime. What was happening in Afghanistan, he asserted, was its own affair and Pakistan should not get in-

He said he was not justifying the presence of Soviet troops in Afghanistan, but he bolieved the Pakistan Government policy was responsible for the develop-ments that had taken place in Kabul. He said the Soviet troops could not be pushed out Afghanistan

measures taken by Pakistan,
He claimed that the Islamic foreign ministers in their January meeting were misled by Pakistan into adopting a

strong resolution on Afghanistan which Inter alia asked member states to break diplomatic relations with Kabul and sever contacts until the Soviet troops withdrew. He also disagreed with an assertion that Soviet intervention in Afghanistan was phase one of Moscow's thrust to capture the oil-rich Gulf. The Soviet Union had a long-range phiest of world communism has object of world communism, he conceded, but said the other

superpower was attempting to foist a capitalist system Mr Asghar Khan criticized the United States Government for its attitude over developments in Afghanistan and said he seriously doubted Washing-ton was concerned about Pakistan's security. According to him, Pakistan was expendable to America. He said the American aid offer of \$400m (about £182m) was ridiculous

Although he threatened to launch his political struggle against the military regime even singly if necessary, it is considered here extremely doubtful if he would be permitted by the martial law regime

to further the campaign.

He used the strongest language against the military Covern-mentanden ndemned it for seizing power. It is, however, well known that shortly after the March 1977 general election. which he repudiated, he circulated a secret letter urging the Armed Forces to overthrow Mr Bhutto and described him as an unlawful Prime Ministery ho name to power through rigged elections. Today he asked who had invited General Zia to take

Five accused of Gandhi conspiracy granted bail

Delhi, April 24. — Ram Lalwani, who is accused of trying to assassinate Mrs Indira Gaudhi, the Prime Minister, on April 14, was remanded in custody today for another four days. The order, made on a prosecution plea, was to help further police investigation.

Earlier the Indian Sugreme

Earlier the Indian Supreme Court released on bail the five others accused of being in-volved in the alleged attempt. The court issued its order, setting buil at about £280 each, on a special leave petition filed by the five co-accused, challenging an order of the Gujarat Hight Court which dismissed a bail application on April 19.

April 19.
Among the co-accused arc Mr
Pratrap Ramchandani, the
deputy mayor of the west coast
city of Baroda, and Mr Kishen
Lalwani, the elder brother of
Mr Ram Lalwani, who is suf-

fering from jaundice and other diseases, was admitted to hospi-tal here soon after being brought from Baroda. A magistrate made the remand order at the hospital as the accused was declared unfit to attend

Assem arrests: Several hundred people were arrested today for defying a ban on gatherings of more than five people in the troubled state of Assam. Officials said that most of those arrested were women. Earlier security forces cordoned off the All India radio station in Gaubati as officials from Delhi took control of the news rooms. The Assamese-speaking staff were accused of broadcasting biased new; and commentary in favour of the Assam arrests: Several huncommentary in favour of the agitators calling for the deportation of Bangladesh and Nepalese settlers in Assam.—

prus protest over Gilmour view on occupation

ur Correspondent

April 24 icos Rolandis, the Cyp-eign Minister, yesterday d a strong protest to Mr hodes, the British High sioner in Nicosia, over a at in Cyprus earlier this y Sir Jan Gilmour, the ivy Seal. The statement ught an angry response : Greek Cypriot press. ernment announcement at Mr Rolandis "exthe bitterness and disnent of the Cyprus nent over the state-

people of Cyprus who for nearly six years now have been experiencing the consequences of foreign invasion and occupation, in violation of the United Nations resolutions "

Sir lan made the statement during a press conference last Tuesday, at the end of a fourday visit to the island. When Greek Cypriot journalists asked him why Britain denounced the Soviet intervention in Afghanis-tan, while it remained silent about the Turkish occupation of northern Cyprus since 1974. Sir Ian said that the two could

not be compared.

plandis asked Britain to Asked whether Turkey's the statement, which action was invasion or not, he art the feelings of the said: "I know the Turkish army

"does not condone or non-condone the Turkish action". All seven Greek Cypriot newspapers attacked Sir Ian in angry leading articles yesterday say-

ing his statements were cynical, The Government statement also took issue with a straement by Sir Ian at the press con-ference that the British Govern-

arrived in Syprus, but invasion ment felt no obligation to pay means different things to Cyprus compensation for the different people and I honestly use of the two British sovereign don't think that the intercommunal relations are helped by Cyprus £12.5m up to 1965 for use of words. In the eyes of Greek Cypriots he made things worse by stating that the British Government does not condone or not be condoned that the British Government independence. Since 1965

ing Cyprus claims for a pay-ment of £250m. Mr Rolandis told Mr Rhodes that Sir Ian's statement "cannot be accepted in view of the
provisions of the Treaty of
Establishment" Cyprus was
pressing its claim for a substantial payment, he added.

FOREIGN REPORT



The abdicating and future queens with Prince Bernhard in Amsterdam last January.

Parliament to swear in Princess Beatrix as Queen of The Netherlands

Next Wednesday the usually however, the Dutch seem rather sober and businesslike happy to leave things as they Dutch will be treated to an are. unusual amount of pomp and ceremony and reminded with some insistence that they live in a monarchy. In the morning Queen Juliana will formally sign her Act of Abdication and in the afternoon the investi-ture of Queen Beatrix will

take place during a special joint session of the first and second chambers of the States-General (Parliament). There is no coronation, and constitutionally the most im-portant moment will be when Queen Juliana signs her Act of Abdication; at that moment her eldest daughter Crown Princess Beatrix will automati-

Cally become the new queen.

At her investiture, Queen
Beatrix will swear to uphold the constitution; but the most time-consuming part of the ceremony, the Outh of Investiture taken one by one by the members of the States-General. is not a constitutional requirement. In fact, a small number of republican-minded MPs will not be taking the oath. They have refused to attend the investiture ceremony on prin-

The announcement by Queen Juliana on January 31 that she would be stepping down in provoked some discussion about the elections of May, 1981, will whether the monarchy should be visiting her mother more be abolished. On the whole, than once to seek advice.

are.
The most interesting question that arose was whether the monarch has any real power. In The Netherlands the answer is: power, no; in-

nanswar is: power, no; influence, yes.

Relations between the monarch and the Cabinet are defined in the constitution as follows: "The King can do no wrong; the ministers are responsible." This means that the manach is excluded from the monarch is excluded from power as the Cabinet is responfor all the monarch's

But the realm in which the monarch's influence is most important is in the political vacuum created between gov-croments. The new Cabiner, once in place, assumes formal responsibility for the forma-tion period; but that is after

In more than 30 years on the throne it is hardly surprising that Queen Juliana accu-mulated a wealth of experi-ence, permitting her to deal with such delicate matters with great insight and competence for which she has justly been praised even by the com-munists. It seems likely that the future Queen Beatrix, faced with the same task in just over a year's time after

There are other areas in which the monarch has in-fluence. Bills proposed by the Cabinet are usually seen by the monarch before they are sent to Parliament and ministers have been known to be sent back to do their home-work by the Queen even before Parliament gets a chance to tell them to do so.

Despite the constitutional stipulation that "the ministers are responsible". Queen Juliana is known to have told ministers that because she has to sign Bills before they become law she feels at least morally responsible for their contents. She once refused to sign the death sentence on a German war criminal prefer-ring to step down rather than compromise her deeply held convictions against the death penalty. It was the minister responsible who in the end had

The Lockheed affair demon strated that if the ministerial responsibility for the monarch is more or less clearly defined, it is more fluid for other members of the royal family. In theory this responsibility applies to all the members of the royal family except Prin-cess Irene and Princess Christina and their families because these two daughters of Queen Juliana did not seek parlismentary approval for their marriages and were automati-

to back down.

cally excluded with their children from the succession. A constitutional amendment

adopted in 1972 stipulates that the membership of the royal house for which there is to be ministerial responsibility (as opposed to the monarch's family as a whole) must be defined by law. The delicacy of the issue is illustrated by the fact that it has taken eight years for a Bill on the matter years for a Bill on the matter to be tabled in Parliament. This is perhaps because the Socialists, who led the previous. government, want to limit membership of the royal house to six members: the reigning monarch, the monarch who has abdicated, the heir apparent, and their consorts:

Queen Juliana is known to be fiercely opposed to a limited membership of the royal house. In the Bill before Parliament, the present Gov-ernment seems to have respected the Queen's wishes as it proposes membership of the royal house for the entire families of both the Crown Princess and Princess Margriet. But a majority of the Lower. House has already expressed the view that ministerial responsibility must be reduced to a smaller number of royal persons. The new Queen's views on the subject are not

Robert Schuil

How Libya is governed

Four old soldiers in control

stage of its novel revolutionary process in which all conven-tional forms of authority were abandoned and "direct people's power " was declared.

In theory, at least, Colonel Gaddafi handed control of the country to a 1,000-strong General People's Congress, A gov-ernment official told *The Times* proudly: "In our country today executive authority has been divided to the point where it doesn't exist. It is in the hands of everyone."

Well, not quite, perhaps. But certainly the lack of a conventional government structure has had various consequences. For one thing it has played havoc with normal diplomatic procedures. There being no head of state, there is no one to whom the diplomatic corps can be accredited. Colonel Gaddafi no longer receives new ambassadors routinely since he has no official position.

At the other end of the line, Libya is now represented in the West by "people's bureaux" (although not yet, curiously enough, in Communist block or non-aligned countries). What has not been resolved is the precise status of the "people's

If the Libyans insist they are not embassies, are they covered by the Vienna convention which provides diplomatic immunity? Another consequence, of course, is that if there is no conventional government there can be no official opposition.

The Socialist People's Libyan
Arabic Jamahiriya has just fields of administration—hous-celebrated the third anniver-sary of the most remarkable stage of its novel revolutionary

The secretaries in the various desert-handsome figure with estates mingling with the rundown Italian architecture of the and worn features that belie his colonial period—that the regime 38 years, maintains a visible is doing its best to spend the various desert-handsome figure with estates mingling with the rundown Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime 38 years, maintains a visible is doing its best to spend the various desert-handsome figure with estates mingling with the rundown Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime and worn features that belie his colonial period—that the regime are down Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime are down Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime are down Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime are down Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime are down Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime are down Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime are down Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime are down Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime are down Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime are down Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime are down Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime are down Italian architecture of the colonial period—that the regime are down Italian architecture of the colonial period are down Italian architecture of the bers of the General People's Congress. By all accounts, budget allocations invoke in tense debate. And members of the congress demand to know why, if secretariats fail to pro-vide promised public amenities.

It is difficult to gauge the extent of serious opposition to the regime, but revolutionary rule has undoubtedly disenchanted many of the educated middle-class who have left the country rather than suffer the austerity of the regime.

The watchdogs of the revolu-tion are the revolutionary committees, supposedly spon-taneously created groups which, in the words of the official texts, can "incite the masses to exercise their authority, agitate the popular congresses, lead the popular committees and generally propagate the revolu-

Quite clearly such bodies are also used to convey the revolutionary gospel according to the moving spirit behind it and to keep revolutionary enthusiasth

Huge crowds can be assem-bled for street demonstrations at the drop of a hat or at any rate a signal from above, and this is a frequent occurrence. In recent months both the United States and French embassies have been set ablaze by politically inspired mobs. Normal business and social activity is repeatedly brought to a halt by revolutionary mass meetings or demonstrations.

leadership presence appears to be firmly in control of the regime.

At his side are four remaining members of the 12-strong Revolutionary Council drawn from the free officers move-ment which overthrew King Idris ten years ago: Abdul Salam Jakloud who has no official title but is thought to retain overall responsibility for internal order; Mustafa Alka-robi, who is believed to control the intelligence network; Abu Bakr Younis, commander-in-chief of the armed forces and

Alkwaldi al-Hamidi, head of the people's militia. General People's Congress elects an executive com-mittee—in effect a cabinet with a general secretary, Jadallah Azzuz al-Taki, who is

to all intents and purposes the Prime Minister. But real power rests with the colonel and his three old military associates. The most recent of their evolutionary innovations has

been a move to close down the sougs, the traditional Arab trading bazzars. To replace them the authorities have them, the authorities have established central trading agencies which buy in bulk abroad and sell through modern supermarkets. The importation of luxury goods has been reduced but prices are said to be half what they would be in

the souq.

The change in trading system o a halt by revolutionary mass is a further indication—along meetings or demonstrations.

Colonel Gaddafi, a lean, modern flats and housing country's oil wealth on meeting the needs of ordinary Libyan

In spite of Colonel Gaddafi's nirades against the evils Western imperialism, Western regime continues to sell most of its oil to the West and to place development orders in the hands of Western capitalists as well as East European social-

ists.
Nearly half the million-strong work force is foreign, with sizable contingents from both West and East Europe, including 6,000 Britons.

Their lives and those of Libyans are restricted by the inhibitions of Islam and an excess of bureaucracy but there are few overt indications of

authoritarian rule.

Nevertheless, the present anti-corruption campaign is undoubtedly creating considerable unease.

Libyan officials say it is directed against the post-revo-lutionary rich who have pro-fited unduly from the country's development

Some foreign observers believe it will be used also to root out iocipient political opposition. The killing of two foreign-based Libyan dissidents, one in London two weeks ago and another in Rome last week, certainly lends support to the view that, for one reason or another the one reason or another, regime is demonstrating extent of its authority.

Michael Knipe

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BY JOHN DICKINSON.

Dairy industry starts to lose faith in the doorstep pinta

Milk has been sold for years in Britain on the basis that it is fresk and unprocessed. Its natural properties have been con-trasted with those of foods which emerge from factories

A generation of consumers A generation of consumers has been encouraged by lavish advertising and promotion to regard milk as a supremely healthy food. The slogan "Drinka Pinta Milka Day" is one of the most successful of the past 30 years.

The freshness of milk is the bastion on which the dairy industry works and from which it defends its methods against criticism and political attack.

criticism and political attack. Because the product is fresh, it does not last long. Therefore it must be made available to families at frequent intervals. Because it is an important part of the diet, they need plenty of it. Because it is such a bulky irem in the shopping bag, it must be delivered to the door-

defends the need to

preserve a pattern of distribualmost everywhere else in the world. Dairies meet all criticism of the present structure of the industry by insisting that doorstep delivery of milk is a vital service and that consumers demand fresh milk.

There are signs, however, that the dairy industry is losing faith in its long-held convictions. While it mounts vigorous competition against the
import of long-life milk from
the Continent, it invests in
similar products itself.

The most important thing about milk is that it contains fat, and fat content is a tradi-tional yardstick of its quality. It is no longer fashionable, however, either to consume fat or to be fat. Moreover, animal fats like those from cows have been linked increasingly in recent years with the incidence of heart disease.

dilemma? If they leave the fat dairy group in Britain, will in milk, they will go against a supply the milk, and Roche growing trend. If they take it Products the vitamins. The

The distributors claim that ir contains half of the calories of fresh milk, and they intend it to challenge the supremacy of bottled fresh milk. The new product will be available only in Bournemouth and Chichester and will therefore be sampled by only a minute fraction or the milk-drinking families in only a minute fraction of

Britain. Although the product will make a small initial impact, it f heart disease.

Is being backed by heavy.

How are dairies to meet the weights. Unigate, the largest

out, they will go against a generation of promotion which has praised soll because nobody tinkers with it in factories.

Some families in two English towns will be able to sample a new type of milk from Sunday. It will be a long-life milk, sold in cardboard pint containers, with the fat skimmed off. The vitamins which are lost in skimming will be replaced in the final product.

The distributors claim that it contains half of the calories of fortunation of the calories of fortunation will be delivered in Bournemouth and Chichester by Unimouth and Chichester by Unigate milkmen.

That raises the question of why it is necessary to maintain daily doorstep delivery of a unopened for three months before it is opened. Dairy companies have protested for years about threats to home deli very, whether from profit squeezes, EEC recommenda-tions or free imports. They appear to be creating the latest threat themselves.

Hugh Clayton

with Saudi Arabia will soon be resolved

The Government hoped and believed that with goodwill on both sides, the present misunderstanding could be overcome and the normal course of relations resumed, Lord Carrington, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in a statement on the return to the United ment on the return to the United Kingdom of Mr James Craig, HM Ambassador in Saudi Açabia. He said that the wide range of bilateral contacts would not be in-terrupted by the United Kingdom and he hoped British Citizens workand he hoped British citizens working in Saudi Arabia and British business visitors will not be deterred by these events.

We wish the said to see the minimum distruption in our relations and a speedy return to the friendship which has characterised them in the past.

Lord Carrington said—Our ambassador has been asked to. ambassador has been asked to. leave by the Saudi authorities, as a direct result of the damage caused to the relationship between our two Governments by the film Death of a Princess which was shown by ATV on April 9.

On April 3, the Saudi Foreign On April 3, the Saudi Foreign Minister summoned our Charge d'Affaires in Jedda to tell him of his Government's concern about the film and to warn of the very serious consequences which could casue for our relations.

In the light of this message our ambassador, Mr James Craig, was recalled from leave, and he returned to Saudi Arabia with messages from the Lord Privy Seal Sir Ian Gilmour and myself.

We stressed that the British Government would regret it deeply if our close relations with the kingdom were damaged by an event for which neither Government was responsible, I would like to take

as topiotensy to retreate that expression of regret.

After the film was shown there was considerable press comment and the Saudi Embassy in London issued a statement which was highly critical of the film and ATV. There has been widespread pro-test from all over the Arab and Muslim worlds and amention has been focused on plans to show the film in other Western countries. Yesterday the Saudi Foreign Minister told our ambassador that his Government had re-evaluated Anglo Saudi relations and decided that it was not proper to maintain them at their present level. They would therefore not proceed with would therefore not proceed with the despatch of their ambassador, designate to London and they would have to ask our ambassador, to leave for the time being. The Saudi authorities have also The Saudi authorities have also made it clear that a visit by the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, which had been planned for April 30, would no longer be appropriate, and other high level visits have been cancelled.

I should like to stress once again that the Government attach a very streat importance to our relations.

great importance to our relations with Saudi Arabia and we regret that they should have been damaged in this way by an incident outside our control. outside our control.

We have a close political and economic relationship from which we both benefit. There is a community of about 30,000 British people working in Saudi Arabia.

We share a common concern that the vital Gulf area should develop in stability and peace without interference from outside. out interference from outside powers. In view of present external threats to the area we should be drawing closer together not drift-ing apart.

Lord Boothby—If the late Lord Reith had still been in charge of radio and television in this country, nobody would have dared

even to mention, still less to show him, the film Death of a Princess. In all the circumstances, there is something to be said for look-

is something to be said for look-ing for someone similar to Lord Reith, preferably a Scotsman, who could be relied upon to discharge his duties at this time of inter-national crisis with the responsi-bility with which Lord Reith discharged them without any necessity for Government inter-vention.

Lord Carrington—No doubt it is true that if Lord Reith had been there it would not have happened. My imagination does not go so far as to think of Lord Reith as chairman of a commercial television station. (Laughter.)
Lord Jacques (Lab)—When you have a film that is so against our national interest, its display should be prohibited by a resolution of the Commons supported and confirmed by this House.

Lord Carrington—We have to be

Lord Carrington—We have to be careful in what we do about free-dom of expression in this country. (Renewed cheers). Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C)—Have

the Government or representatives of Saudi Arabia received any expression of regret from the television company concerned?

Lord Ardwick (Lab)-Not all of

Lord Carrington-No.

Mrs Thatcher

refuses to

sell sterling

If she were to instruct the Gover-nor of the Bank of England to sell

The least said the soonest mended

Lord Gerouwy-Roberts, Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs—Will be conmonwealth affuirs—Will ne con-tinue to assure the royal house and people of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia of the widespread and gouting understanding and respect for Saudi Arabian feelings at this for Saudi Arabian feelings at this time in this country?

We greatly hope that our relationship will soon be fully restored so that our two countries may continue to act togother and do everything in our power to ensure the stability and security of the Middle and Near East, particularly the Gulf area.

Lord Wigoder (L)—In this extremely unhappy situation the matter is perhaps best left to diplomatic channels and public debage is unlikely to serve any diplomatic channels and public debate is unlikely to serve any constructive purpose.

This is not the first time in recent months that serious misuaderstandings have arisen as a result of the tendency of some television companies to present programmes deliberately designed to give the impression of being documentary programmes based on fact whereas the reality is that in substance they are no more than fictional reconstructions.

Lord Carrington—I can give Lord Goronwy-Roberts that assurance. We shall continue to do that. I agree with what he said in the latter part of his remarks. I agree with Lord Wigoder. I think on the whole, I hope on the whole, that the less said the sooner manded. We have made wome, that the less said the soomest mended. We have made our position abundantly plain to the Saudi Government.

In the light of what has happened and the previous examples he has quoted, it might be as well for those who are reterans of the media deplore a modern tendency towards what they are good look at the consequences of what they are doing, with which we can all go along.

Shares plan for workers in aerospace industry

Employees of the new company which will take the place of British Aerospace will get tax advantages on shares they receive under a special arrangement. Lord Trefgarne, a Lord in Waiting, said in moving that the British Aerospace Bill, which dissolves British Aerospace and which has based the space and which has passed the Commons, should pass. It had just been read the third time. He said the Chancellor, Sir Geoffree Howe, had already announced measures to widen and make more attractive existing provisions of the Finance Act, 1978, by which employee shares held in trust

enjoyed tax advantages. enjoyed tax advantages.

He now had (urther information on the Government's arrangements regarding British Aerospace to take advantage of that.

On the initial flotation, the Government would be prepared within financial limits to make available free shares for employees who

free shares for employees who hought their own shares and ledged them all in a trust estab-lished under the Finance Act's provisions.

What is proposed (he said) may be described simply as a limited offer for there will be financial limits of two for the price of one with tax advantages on top of this. In addition the continued) we are also considering if we can and should go beyond this proposal by providing also shares for those employees who do not themselves contribute.

After the initial flotation it would be for the company to decide what continuing scheme to adopt. This would require careful consideration but not government

The Bill was passed.
The Transport Bill, which has passed the Commons, was read a second time.
House adjourned, 8.42 pm.

Value of £ Sir Geotfrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a written reply, said—Taking the internal purchas-ing power of the pound as 100b in May 1979, its value in March 1930, the latest period for which infor-mation is available, was 854p.

Value of coppers

Sir Geoffrey Howe. Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in a written reply: The value of the metal content of the 1p and 2p coins is approximately 0.35p and 0.69p respectively based on current metal prices.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons
Today at 9.30. Films Bill, accord

Hopes that differences Objectionable dressing up of fact and fiction

The Foreign Secretary's statement on the expulsion of the British Ambassador to Saudi Arabia was repeated by Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal. Mr Tom Delyell—Many of the families of the 30,000 reside in oil complex areas like West Lothian. What assurances can be give these families?

Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesham and Amersham, C)—We have no reason to believe that as a result of what has happened that the presence of Mr Dalyell's constituents, and other British subjects, is any less welcome than it was before this latest development.

the end of diplomatic relations. We have recently increased the number of consular staff to serve the increasing community and the departure of our ambassador will not affect the staffing or the other services they provide. other services they provide.

Mr. Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C)—This incident would be damaging enough in its own right, but seen against the background of the serious situation in Iron and Afghanistan, it is a matter of the gravest importance that our relations should now be affected with the most important of the Arab oil states.

He should consider whether it of the Arab oil states.

He should consider whether it would be wise for him to seek to visit the Saudi Government personally for the purpose of discussing Anglo-Saudi relations with the Government of that country. One of the conditions of freedom of the press which we all support is that there should

Revenue

the black

economy

Positive action would be taken against the black economy in the light of anything discovered by the revenue department, Mr Peter Rees, Minister of State, Treasury,

alert on

too.

Sir Ian Gilmour—This incident, which would have been regretable at any time, is particulary regretable in the light of events in Iran and Afghanistan. Obviously, we shall do all on our side to try to make the break in these relations as short as possible. At present, it would not be appropriate for me or other members of the Government to 20. appropriate for me or other members of the Government to go, although we are at all times ready to do what we can to bring disruption to an end.

We have freedom of communications in this country which the Government have been careful, like other governments I trust, not to interfere with, but that must be balanced by a degree of responsibility by those people who make films which are shown abroad.

abroad.

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab)—While endorsing the wish for continued close relations with Saudi Arabia, he should take every opportunity to make plain to the Saudi Government that the press Saudi Government that the press and television in Britain are not subject to ministerial dictation. Further, while we should and do respect the culture and traditions of their country, we expect an equal respect for our own of which freedom of the press and laformation is a vital part. (Labour cheers). (Labour cheers).

Sir Ian Gilmour.—Of course Y agree, and indeed we have made clear to the Saudi Government from the word go, and from before the film was shown, that

do so. While we all appland freedom While we all appland freedom of the press, this film is subject to quite considerable criticism, and those people who will have seen it, will be aware of that. Mrs Penelope Mortimer who cannot be accused of prejudice affecting Conservative MPs, in a letter to the New Statesman pointed out that this film is open to objection and the whole genre is something the IBA and the BBC should give considerable attendon to.

The dressing-up of alleged fact and fiction is something not only objectionable to our own foreign relations, but strongly objectionable in films affecting this country here.

regrettable episode which we all hope to British and Arab interests will soon be overcome, will in no way interfere with the pro-posed British and European initia-tive in the Middle East which would do a good deal to reassure countries there of our interests and friendship. sir Jan Gilmour—No. This will not bave a general effect on our foreign policy, aithough it would be idle to deny that this low of relations between us and one of

Sir Ian Gilmour—Like most of the House I am not a television critic and I do not watch much of it. I made it my business to watch this film. I think the so-called dramatiza-tion or fictionalizing of alleged facts or history is extremely dan-gerous and misleading and is something the broadcasting authorities must give close atten-tion to. Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C.—Some Conservative:
MPs would wish to apologise to
the Saudi Government and its
royal family for the insult and
discourtesy that has been shown
to them in this film. The producer of this film, Mr Authory Thomas, has a history of producing inaccurate and biased films. Sir Ian Gilmour should make approaches to the IBA to ensure that these left-wingers do not have the power to undergine not have the power to underwine the best interests of the United Kingdom. Sir Ian Gilmour—Undoubtedly, there were passages in this film which we know from Mrs Mortimer have no factual basis at

all but were based on innuendo and rumour and they should not have been shown. relations between us and one of the most important countries in have been shown. It would not be in the best shall try to see it lasts for as short a time as possible.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley, Lab)

—The irresponsibility and self-interest of some of the bright flows not have responsibility, nor to make representative to some of the bright flows to the IBA, although I have boys in the media, both in television and in the public prints, who make political attacks under

Inflation battle will be won: year not a long time in economics

The present excessive and dangerous level of inflation had largely been caused by deliberate Government policies, Mr John Smith, Opposition spokesman on trade, prices and consumer protection (North Lanarkshire, Lab) said when he opened a debate on an Opposition motion deploring the "soaring cost of living".

He said it was admitted by the Government that the rate of increase in inflation was over 20 per cent and was likely to rise even further. Within a year of taking office the Government, which inherited an inflation rate of 10 per cent, had doubled it. cent, had doubled it.
At the last election the Government deceived the electorate to the effect that price increases would be

per cent in the Chancellor's smart Alec Budget was the main im-petus to the soaring cost of living and the rising inflation that the country was now suffering from.

It was Government policy to force gas prices up to 10 per cent above the rate of inflation. Within a year gas prices would be increased by 29 per cent and electricity by 20 per cent.

Mortrage rates were at the

by the Government cuts.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs (Gloucester. C) said that one could only marvel at the breathtaiding cheek of the Opposition who, when in office, presided over a rate of increase in prices of a state of increase in prices of a state of

Mr Tam Dalyeli (West Lothian, Lab) asked for a statement on discussions with the Inland Revenue Staff Association on tax fraud relating to between £5,000m and £11,000m of untaxed funds from the black economy. Mr Rees (Dover and Deal, C)— The Chancellor of the Exchequer has not yet had any such discus-sion, but we have seen the recent statements made by the Civil Ser-vice unions on the black economy. Mr Daivell-Does the Government Mr Rees—The figures are highly speculative, as I am sure the Civil Service unions would be the first to acknowledge. I would refer MPs to some later work undertaken by the Central Statistical Office which suggested that the black economy may be running at 31 per cent or less of the gross domestic product. We are not completent about that figure.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Breatwood and Ongar, C)—This is a serious problem. Does he expect to have any information fed back by the additional social security inspectors to be appointed so that there may be action against employees Mr Rees—No. We expect to have better information from the Revenue Department who are naturally afert to this problem. We shall take positive action in the light of anything we discover from them.

Grain industrial relations 'a disgrace'

Industrial relations on the new Isle of Grain power station site were a disgrace when some 27 laggers could bring building to a dead slow and stop. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said at question time.

She added that the laggers were being paid £4.60 an bour. We need (she said) to look at industrial relations on this site and sites of the same kind. We must look into the economics of the construction of power stations when they can be so delayed and over-run like this.

Mr Iau Lloyd (Havsot and Water-loo, C) had referred to a deplor-able example of bath plug economics over the site closure.

Can any industrial society (he Can any industrial society (he asked) survive a system in which 27 men can force the squandering of £400m of hard-earned public capital in this way? The initiative Mrs Thatcher has shown in this area is not being sufficiently robustly supported on the benches next to her.

nor of the Bank of England to sell sterling and to go on selling it, resisting the market, the money supply would go through the roof and they would be laying the foundation. Mirs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said. She was responding to a call from Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashrosunder-Lyne, Lab) to instruct the Governor to sell sterling and reduce the value of the pound. He said that today's further rise in the value of the pound would mean further problems for manufactured exports and greater opportunities for manufactured imports, to the great disadvantage of British industry.

Tories did not say they

would disavow Clegg The 12 monthly increase in the retail price index would peak at slightly over 20 per cent in the second quarter of this year, before falling to 16i per cent in the fourth quarter, Mr John Biffen, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said during questions. He could not helpfully expand on those forecasts, he added.

We David Winnight (Walcall North Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab)—Now that the inflation rate has broken through 20 per cent, does this not show that his specti in January that Britain was in for in January that Britain was in for three years of unparalleled ans-terity is proving only too correct? His latest speech referring to the movement of maney supply and inflation was an honest and coura-geous speech because it explains the mumbo-jumbo of the Govern-ment's own economic thinking.

Mr Biffen (Oswestry, C)—If I wanted commendation for my speeches then I would not look to him for it. If I had to comment upon the nature of my speeches, I would rather say they were trite and communicate rather than commouplace rather

and commonplace rather than courageous.

Mr John Townend (Bridlington, C)—Is he worried that the current tevel of increase in the cost of public sector pay, which with the help of Professor Clegg, whom I will say no more about, has touched 25 per cent? Is the Government going to get a grip on this problem and see that this disastrous situation does not repeat problem and see that this disastrous situation does not repeat itself in the coming year?
Mr Biffen—It is important to get the whole issue of Professor Clegginto perspective, Many Conservative MPs were happy to fight upon an election manifesto which had no commitment to disavow the Clegg recommendations.

recommendations.

The test is the extent to which

analysis there are some grounds for modest hope. Mr Robert MacLeman (Catthness and Sutherland, Lab)—The innovation by this Government which is repugnant to Labour MPs is its abandonment of its direct responsibility for promoting sensible policies on wages and prices. Will he disavow the Government's policy before it is too late? Mr Biffen—That is an invitation for Conservative MPs to endorse the quasi-statutory control of incomes which collapsed with all the consequences which are now being dealt with by Professor Clegs.

Mr Robin Squire (Havering, Hornchurch, Cle-The Labour, Party church, C)—The Labour Party only got a reduction in inflation when it was forced to introduce the so-called monetarist measures they now criticize us for doing?

Air Biffen—Mr Healey was an imperfect monetarist. When I look at the Labour Party I take sustenance from Lord Butler who said he was from Lord Butler who said he was
the best monetarist we have got.
Mr Denis Healey, Opposition
spokesman on Treasury and economic affalts (Leeds, East, Lab)—I
thank him for his compliment. The
rate of inflation was halved in the
year before we went before the
IMF, and let him put that in his
pipe and smoke it. Given his distaste and distrust for Treasury
forecasts why does he skulk behind
the red book forecast of inflation
at the end of the year?

As an honest, imperfect monetarist, does he really believe that
the rate of inflation in the fourth
quarter of this year will be as low
as 164 per cent?

Mr Biffen—I quoted the figure of
164 per cent from the red book
because it is published with the
authority of the Government and is
intended to contribute to public
discussion and understanding of intended to contribute to public

It was this Government's overriding priority through all its
economic policies and the stimulation of competition, to overcome
lufiation, bring it down to tolerable levels and keep it down.

The Government inherited accelerating inflation, raw material
costs and pay settlements and an
acceleration in the money supply.

If it had not embarked quickly on
necessary measures—a number of
them unpalatable but necessary—
inflation would have been even
higher today.

The Government's approach was
fundamentally different from that
of the Opposition. It was to tackle
the root causes of inflation and to
prevent it from happening in the
first place instead of merely trying
to disguise it once it had happened. The problems that had to
be tackled and overcome would
neither be easily or quickly
resolved.

It was not a coincidence that
countries with low rates of inflareduced under a Conservative Gov-The decision to raise VAT to 15

resolved.

It was not a coincidence that countries with low rates of inflation and strong economies pursued policies similar to the Government's pullification of the control of the contr ment's policies.

The motion was founded on hypocrisy, it rejected the constructive and realistic policies the Govity by 20 per cent. Mortgage rates were at the record level of 15 per cent with enormous consequences for family budgets. The Government had needlessly and recklessly poured fuel on the fire by their policies. Their only policy was the famous control of the money supply. Unemployment could not fall to reach 2,250,000 in the next two to three years. Appailing damage was being done to the public services by the Government cuts.

ernment was following.

The fight against inflation (she said) is still to be won. A week may be a long time in politics but a year is not a long time in economics. But at least after five years of economic descriptions of this ics. But at least after five years of sconomic degradation for this country we have a policy that can win it and a Government with the determination to see that it does. Mr Jo Grimond (Orkney and Shetland, L) said those on the top pay scales shoold lead the fight against the appailing disease which saw submatic demands for more money every wear. That was why it money every year. That was why it was a mistake to increase the Queen's Civil List and the salaries of top public servants by 20 to 25

Unless those who controlled the country's affairs felt the pinch of inflation more, they would have little incentive to reduce it. Poor people were suffering more from inflation and from the measures taken to contain it. Unless the taken to contain it.

increase in prices of a staggering and suprecedented 110 per cent. This included no fewer than 83,000 individual grocery price increases.

Yet Mr Smith presumed to lecture the Covernment about rising prices. It was like Jack the Ripper lecturing the police academy on the prevention of crimes of violence. taken to cootain it.

Miss Betty Boothroyd (West Bromwich, West, Lab) said during its term of office the Labour Government increased petrol prices four times to 80p a gallon. By deliberate Government action prices had been increased twice in the past year and that had put up the cost of living. The profits of the petrol companies had soared to record levels.

Mr Peter Fraser (South Augus, C) said that the changes made by the Government in its first budget had

been correct and courageous.
Nothing said by the Opposition
since or during the debate left
anyone say reason to doubt that. Mr Clive Soley (Hammersmith, North, Lab) said there was an urgent need for additional finan-cial help with fuel bills or lowering of their impact on the cost of living on low income groups. Mr Christopher Murphy (Welwyn and Hatfield, C) said that the Govand to the street as Opposition

Mr John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman (Lambeth, Norwood, Lab), said the rise to a 15 per cent VAI rate had been a reckiess and doctrinsive change, coming only weeks after the Chancellor denied there would be a doubling of the tax. Many of the increases the Government had contributed to came from its fascination with, and fanatical attachment to, monetary policy.

fanatical attachment to, monetary policy.

The Government was hooked on monetary policy. It might as well be hooked on LSD. It had an hallucination that by putning prices up it could bring the rate of inflation down.

The Conservatives had sown the seeds of their own destruction and the destruction of Britain in terms of high inflation, industrial dereliction, and the suffering of the ordinary working people.

Mr Norman Tebbit. Under Secre-Mr Norman Tebbit, Under Secre-tary of State for Trade (Waitham Forest, Chingford, C), said that the cause of inflation was the vast excess of mbases beyond that which was justified by the levels of production. That excess sprang entirely from the spillage of money into the economy in 1979 as part of the last Government's election

Campaign.

Not only had Labour left the Conservatives post-dated choques but had even left Professor Clegs to fill in the figures.

To change the direction of an accommunity and the content of the content was a clear water that economy was a slow process, but the Government had changed that direction and would reap the bene-fits in the years to come. The motion was rejected by 302 votes to 232—Government levels.

It could not be right that at a votes to majority, 70.

lence. If the Labour Government had had the courage and honesty to face the realities as the Conservative Government was facing them, and had not squandered resources for political gain leaving the Conservatives to pay the bills, the Government would not be facing the current unacceptably high rate of inflation of which Mr Smith had the gall to complain. **Dartmoor Commons Bill rejected**

Some unscrupulous Dartmon's Commoners, encouraged by heavy subsidies, put more animals on the commons than they were entitled to, Mr Ray Mawby (Totnes, C) said when the Dartmoor Commons Bill was debated on second read-

Bill was depared on second leading.

He said the Dartmoor Commoners Association had no legal powers to regulate farming or to carry out minor improvements to the land. The lack of a disciplinary system, apart from two manor courts, led to overgrazing, poor performance, high disease and death rates. performance, mgn cuseuse and death rates.

At the same time, the common land, was not legally available tuthe public although it was used by up to eight million visitors a year. National park rangers and the police had no power to act against such technical trespassers. There was room for many recreational activities, but there was some need to regulate them. While the backpacker caused no problems those in caravans, motor caravans and highly-coloured fram tents did. The park authority had National park rangers and the police had no power to act against such technical trespassers. There was room for many recreational activities, but there was some need

encouraged new sites in and around the National Park and there was now no need for caspal camping by the roadside or on open common land.

An amendment had been agreed to meet a suggestion by the Camp-ing Club of Great Britain that their objection to the Bill would be met if camping control did not apply to enclosed common land.

The objection by the British Hang Gliding Association to the clause relating to that sport had been met The Bill provided for the appointment of wardens.

Mr Harry Greenway (Ealing, North, C) said he was strongly opposed to the Bill which could do more to divide town and country than almost any pitched battle.

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that riders would be present on bridleways. A year or more of negotiation with the promoters of the Bill and the British Rorse Society had produced not a word of change, and this was a serious situation for riders and many others. Mr Denis Howell, and Opposition spokesman on the environment (Birmingham, Small Heath, Lab) (Birmingham, Small Heath, Lab) said that the proposed Commoners' Council, which had extraordinary powers, seemed overwhelmingly composed of local interests at the expense of the national interest. Dartmoor did not belong exclusively to the local people.

belong exclusively to me local people.

Mr Hector Monro, Under Secretary for the Environment (Dumfries, C), said the Bill appeared to strike a balance to enable all interests and activities to flourish on Dartmoor without one activity inhibiting the rights and enjoyment of others.

The motion for the second reading was rejected by 63 votes to 19—majority against. 44.

House adjourned, 10.40 pm

Bartering on prices ruled out in **EEC** budget talks

There were prolonged exchanges between the Frime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, with Mr. Callaghan intervening five times, over Mrs Thatcher's attitude to the statement by France that there could be no agreement. on the budget issue at next week's EEC summit without prior agreement on farm prices. Mr Callaghan demanded assurances Mr Callaghan demanded assurances that farm price increases would not be bargained against the budget and that commodities in surplus would not be increased in price this year.

Mrs Thatcher stated that the Government would not barter a settlement in one sphere against settlement in one sphere against a settlement in another but that the Government was prepared to consider other issues, like agricultural prices, within the same time-scale. That reply brought an angry response from Labour MPs. Mr Richard Body (Holland with Boston, C) began the exchanges by asking—The essence of any genuine community must be that those who are strong and well off. Therefore at this time we should be net beneficiaries and not net contributors. contributors.

If she cannot resch any agreement there is no Euro-faustic in this country who can hope to persuade the British people that we ought to belong to such a community.

Mrs Thatcher—Partners are entitled to an equitable deal. We are not being treated equitably at the moment. We are requiring back some of the net contribution we make. I do not underestimate the difficulty but we must still be an

objective.

Mr James Callagian, Leader of the Opposition (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—We wish her success in recovering these large sums of money. In view of President Giscard's statement yesterday that this issue could not be settled in the absence of a statement to increase farm prices, will she give an assurance that the Minister of Agriculture (Mr Peter Walker) will not weaken and that Britain will concede no increase in the price of goods and commodities in surplus?

Mrs Thatcher—When the statement by President Giscard was communicated to the agriculture ministers, Mr Peter Walker made a robust response, as only he can the statement of the agriculture ministers, Mr Peter Walker made a robust response, as only he can robust response, as only he can, that the agriculture price agree-ment would be dealt with, as it always has been, on merit. I have made it abundantly clear I have made it abundantly clear that we are certainly prepared to look at the other matters which have to be settled within the same time scale, but each must nevertheless be considered on merit. I shall stick to that view.

Mr Callagham—I take it the Prime Minister wanted the House to

understand that there is no ques-tion of us bargaining increases in the farm price settlement on com-modities in surplus against the

Mrs Thaicher—We are not going to bester prices on the agricultural settlement against the budget. The agricultural settlement will be dealt with by the agricultural ministers in the ordinary way.

Mr Callaghan, rising to Conservative protests, said: With all respect, we have not had an answer to the question and it is a simple one. Are we intending to stand firm on our position that commodities in surplus will not enjoy a price increase during the toming year?

Mrs Thatcher—He is asking me to Mrs Thatcher—He is asking me to achieve something he never achieved. (Labour protests) What I will not do is to barter prices in the agricultural council against the budget. With all due respect, I do not think he could ask for more than that. man that:

Mr Callaghas, again rising to Tory
protests, said: The House and the
country will draw their own conclusions from that attempt to
wriggle. She is wrong.

We did achieve a freeze on surplus commodities and they did not
aning any price increesest. Will she enjoy any price increases. Will she withdraw her remark on that? Mrs Thatcher—A freeze on surplus commodities was negotiated last year by Mr Walker. In almost all the years of the Labour Govern ment they negotiated increases in prices above those recommended by the Commission. The country will be well aware that it was Mr Callaghan who left us with a net contribution to the EEC budget which . . . (Conservative cheers and loud Labour protests and latercuptions.)

not bartering a settlement in one sphere against a settlement in another. We are prepared to look

at them all—certain farm prices, sheep meat—within the same time scale. (Labour interruptions and cries of "Oh".)

Many Conservative MPs would say that if we are expecting the Community to help us sort out our problems we must equally be ready to help them to sort out theirs. That is what a Community

is. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—I do not know whether Mrs Thatcher was trying to obfuscate the issue or not. What she said at the end was not clear. We would like a clear answer from the one this matter.

her on this matter.

Is it not the case that when she goes to Luxembourg she will be discussing all these issues naturally separately, but that she does not intend to yield on what is common sense in the agricultural situation—namely that commondists that no in curplus will

modifies that are in surplus will not enjoy price increases this year? (Labour cheers and cries of "Answer".) Mrs Thatcher—I had hoped we

mrs inaccet—I had hoped we were at one on this. I thought after my last reply that we were. Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—You have thrown in the

Mrs Thaicher-We are not going

Mr Walker firm on surplus food prices

The Government's view that there should be no price increases in agriculture products in surplus in Labour Government. The former prime Minister in 1977-78 not only agreed to increased prices for milk, sugar and wine, all in surmesting in Brussels, Mr Peter prices beyond what the Commission were proposing.

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There was virtually no discussion of sheep meat, but the French minister and himself each circulated their respective positions and those would be further by the appropriate intultutions.

Mr Roy Mason, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture (Barnsley, Lab)—He has stood by his pledge to the House that he would not agree to any prices fo rpropledge to the House that he would-bot agree to any prices fo rpro-ducts in structural surplus or agree to a shetpment scheme which bene-fited the French at the expense of the Community budget. He has effectively passed the buck to the Prime Minister and the summit meeting.

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While he has stood by his pledge, does he think that the Prime Minister will do the same? I must warn him we fear a self-our at the summit.

This is not the best way to develop a sensible and ratioual agriculture policy when it is going to be subjected to trade-offs between Prime Ministers, I hope he will assure us that he will not allow the Prime Minister to trade off our common fisheries policy objective or weaken on a price freeze for surplus products. surplus products.
Mr Walker—I admire the check of
the Opposition. No Government
gavt away more on prices for

Under his Government the cost of the CAP went up from £1,680m to £7,600m as a result of his rather reckless policies towards it.

Mr Bobert Bicks (Bodmin, C)—The dispute with the French over sheepmeat has been allowed to drag on for far too long to the detriment of United Kingdom sheep producers. What further action can be take which will resolve this problem?

Mr Walker—At the meeting at 3 o'clock this morning when we reached the sheepmeat regime item, the French Minister announced he was totally in disagreement with all proposals put forward and as the Council of Ministers bad not agreed on any of the other many proposals he was making on price increases elsewhere, he could not go on discussing that topic. The Presidency and others reacted. This was a matter that had to be cleared up in the near future.

The paper that the British Govof the CAP went up from £1,600m matter that had to be cleared up in the near future.

The paper that the British Government tabled which does not include intervention and would benefit our sheep producers as the biggest sheep producers in Europe, will be discussed at a working committee prior to the next Council meeting. I hope then we can make progress. make progress.

Mr Gavin Strang, an Opposition spokesman on agriculture (Edinburgh, East, Lab)—Is the Government committed to a price freeze on milk and sugar?

Mr Walker—That has always been the position, and unlike the Opposition, we have stuck to it.

Two-day defence debate

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Monday and Tuesday: Debate on defence White Paper.

Wednesday: Employment Sill, committee.

Wednesday: Debate on reports of Public Accounts Committee.

Friday: Debate on London.

The main business in the House of Lords will be:

Monday and Tuesday: Industry Bill, committee.

Wednesday: Debate on Post Office.

Thursday: Debate on reports of EEC committee on trade policy and energy.

The case against ballots on existing closed shops

A Conservative backbench amendment providing that existing closed shop agreements would be null and void if they had not been confirmed within two years of the passing of the Employment Bill by a secret ballot conducted under the provisions of Clause 6 (Dismissal relating to trade union membership) was rejected early today by 477 votes to 49—Government majority, 428.

Debated with this amendment

resisting the amendments, said the paramount concern of Couservatives all along had been to provide effective and proper safeguard for the individual, but they also had to recognize that a simple attempt to ban closed shops would be ineffective. Worse than that, trying to outlaw the closed shop could sometimes be harmful to the individuals concerned.

Evidence of the 1971 Act one.

A Conservative backbench amend-might continue even if formal ones can then be built on by all a ment providing that existing closed were banned. Shop agreements would be null and there was a danger that by passing legislation which could to end closed shop agreement. passing legislation which could not be enforced, such informal agreements as resulted might restrict the right of individuals to work far more than an open agreement which was regulated

The proposal to make formal agreements null and void was fraught with dangers and risks. Debated with this amendment was another one from Conservative backbenchers providing that existing closed shops would cause three years after the passing of the Bill unless reapproved by ballot. All future closed shop agreements would lapse three years after they came into effect unless reapproved by ballot. In seeking to tackle the problem of the problem of the problem of the problem. Mr James Prior, Secretary of State of industrial relations (he said) we must make sure that we do not create more problems than an arrangement concern of Conservations. management and responsible union leadership and that we do not create a situation where there is more disruption and unrest

Employers were free unitaterally to end closed shop agreements. Employers and managements, where they thought it necessary to maintain closed shops, were paying more attention to the protection of individual rights and were not inhibited in bargaining by the fact that a closed shop existed. fact that a closed shop existed.

The Bill did a great deal for individual protection within closed shop situations. It would reinforce responsible union behaviour and diminish the possibility of intimidation in closed shops and support individual members in resisting what they regarded as unreasonable demands from their unions. In addition to providing for bal-lots on new closed shops, Clause 6 would give protection for exist-ing non-union employees in exist-ing and new closed shops and to those who objected to union mem-bership on archives of considerabership on grounds of conscience or other deeply held personal con-

victions. The Bill would help prevent to ban closed shops would be ineffective. Worse than that, trying to outlaw the closed shop could sometimes be harmful to the individuals concerned.

Evidence of the 1971 Act suggested that informal agreements, agreements under the counter,

encourage managements to reappraise, on a continuing basis, whether the closed shop arrangements to which they were party mens to which they were party were necessary.

This voluntary method together with the statutory back-up he had described would lead them progressively and in a practical and realistic way towards the goal that Conservative MPs and he had in common.

The Bill incorporated a range of provisions which would help prevent the abuses to which closed shops could give rise, encourage responsible trade union and em-

ployer behaviour and support employers who took a hard look at their existing closed shop at their existing closed shop arrangements.

There was a lot of difference between introducing ballots for new closed shops and doing that for existing closed shops which had been operating for many years. By driving practices underground the closed shops might operate in a more illiberal and arbitrary manner.

manner.

The approach proposed from his backbenches would not allow industry to exercise its judgment. It would not belp industry to have such requirements imposed on it.

What I do not want to do is put either this House in the position of passing legislation it cannot enforce or put the individual in the worse position because the thing goes underground.

It is no part of this Govern. goes underground.

It is no part of this Government to keep on telling industry the whole time what it is to do.

We do have to listen to industry. We are talking about wealth creation and we need to carry industry

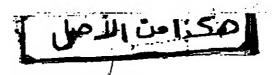
with us. The Bill protected the individual The Bill protected the individual and yer left industry with the amount of flexibility it needed. It would not help industry to have the requirements of the amondments imposed on it, particularly when the sauctions promoted ricked undoing protections the Government sought to provide.

ment sought to provide.

The Government's proposals involving the closed shop echoed the whole tenor of the Bill. It was seeding to deal effectively with specific abuses and problems in the Bill would aire sub-factory in the Bill would aire sub-factory safeware's to individuals and would also be acceptable to those who would be directly concerned with working them.

The report stage of the re-The report stage of the Employment Bill was adjourned until Monday.

Wednesday's sitting ended at



training in leadership and op-pression to cause bloodshed. To hear him argue, in Gerard Murphy's forceful performance, the working classes have no interest in using violence to achieve justice. The enemy within are the dissatisfied mem-bers of the families of the rul-ing class.

ing class.

Mr Mitchell has fitted in a

say that in the form of a dour

Unfortunately, it is not comic

enough and some good actors have to pick their way carefully through the thoray significance

through the thoray significance of their lightest remarks. The remaining members of Mark Cullingham's company, Eleanor Davis, John Woodnutt, Margery Mason, Ruth Goring and George Prayda, survive with varying degrees of success, but their

presence at Leatherhead is a hopeful sign. By choosing them, and a faulty, ambitious play. Mr Cullingham serves notice that the Thorndike Theatre is

waking up after a contented suburban slumber.

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If I may skip the plot, the climax and details of characterization, moving on instead to the denouement, I might just the able to explain my under-standing of Julian Mitchell's title. His dialogue becomes a bit too explicit to describe his story as an allegary, but it is much too muddled to make a point. He has tossed half the point. He has tossed half the social anxieties of western soc-iety into the shape of an Eng-lish family of the ruling classes, added a bastard son from the working classes and staged a miniature compaign of class warfare in the luxurious library of a flat overlooking the mosque in Regent's Park.

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The new work, through which John Michael East skilfully steered his admirable orchestra on Wednesday, is a single, 25-minute movement, an Adagio in quintuple metre—though the varied, overlapping rhythmic patterns create an effect of nonmetric fluidity. The symphony

THE DAVID ESSEX. CORE POSS (NO. 1.25. SAID 6.15. SAID 6 metric fluidity. The symphony is inspired by Bernadette of Lourdes and her apparitions, her own name for which ("Aquero") provides its subtitle. title.

It begins as a representation of a Pyrenean down: soft blurs of string sound against solemn sustained lines for the horns and trumpets, jangling interjections from the percussion.

There is a hint of the time-less mysteries of Nature, a tone less mysteries of Nature of awe, heightened by the deep sombre lines in the heavy brass: akin to Messiaen's constimme Moi.-Fit., and all programmes Set & Sun., No late night show the control of the control o templations, if less grandoise.
This gives way to busier textures, artfully laid out in interchangeable blocks of sound, all written not only with a keen

ear but also a keen eye to the young players' needs for security in numbers.

A prolonged Adagio is not easy to sustain. Williamson's resourcefully woven sound-fabric is enlivened by abrupt texture changes at dramatic junctures, for example where the "Aquerb" addresses Bessa-dette, or at her prayers (a poignant oboe plea), or at the brazen, percussive outburst of the Kprie. But the music seems to gravitate into standard kinds of scheme, often made up of dialogues of phrases of around the same length; it is apt to drift and become amorphous.

The motivic patterns never quite seem to draw together the symphonic argument; and though the ending has much cheracter, even a touch of nobility, one cannot quite avoid an impression of the improvisa-tory, even the rambling.

Fame and fortune frittered away

1941 (A) Leicester Sq Theatre

Knife in the Head (X) Paris Pullman

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number of other examples of betrayal from the rich, with Denis Lawson as a son eager to sell the British heritage to Arabs for a profit and Rupert Frazer as a second son anxious The Last Married Couple in America (X) to exchange western philosophy for an eastern prophet. The social fabric is torn from the top, and Mr Mitchell tries to

Ir might have been guessed that the generation of young film directors who now dominate Hollywood, who founded their careers on their ability to turn a low-budget "B" film into a minor masterpiece, would go the way of their predecessors. The "new Hollywood" is walking on the lywood is taking on the symptoms of the old. As they all began their careers together, so they are reaching the same stage of development. After Francis Ford Coppola's

After Francis Ford Coppola's Apocolypse Now and Martin Scorsese's New York, New York, both lumbering epics which proved that neither director was quite in control, comes Steven Spielberg's 1941, which has the dubious credit of being, in stark dollar terms, the most expensive picture the most expensive picture ever made. Staying true to the Hollywood tradition, the cost of 1941 is in inverse proportions to the film's worth.

k was, perhaps, a misguided idea from the start to make a idea from the start to make a large-scale comedy out of the panic which gripped America's West Coast in the week after Pearl Harbour, but laughter has been raised on less suitable subjects. Speilberg wanted to celebrate the genuine folly of the 1942 "Great Los Angeles Air Raid", in which tons of shells were released to

A year ago he boasted to an interviewer "Comedy is not my forte", and he was right. For all the film's conspicuous extravagance and elaborate slapstick, there are few laughs. I can remember no funny lines. The only substantial joke is Spielberg aping the chilling opening of his own Jaws. A lit sea as the cellos saw their Third Kind, itsed grossed 5620m. menacing notes. The peril The depressing thing is that, comes from beneath as a subwith a free hand, he should marine periscope hoists her choose to make 1941 instead of

More comedy might have been exploited from the under-lying theme of the film, the assault on Hollywood by an



John Belushi as "Wild Bill " Kelso in 1941

Spielherg slips In. Monochrome propellers turn as if from Casablanca. A petrol station burns in its own soilt fuel from The Birds. A fairground rouncebout spins out of control from Strangers on a Train. A cliff-top house is destroyed from Zabriskie Point.

Angeles Air Raid", in which tons of shells were released to shoot down an imaginary Japanese bomber squadron, and the 1943 "Zoot-Suit Riots" between civilians and servicemen, by combining both events into one daft night in 1941.

Spielberg might have saved himself the prospect of disaster by taking his own advice. A year ago he boasted to an interviewer "Comedy is not the screen. The sactors of his own generation which Spielberg uses are, by which Spielberg uses are, by contrast, bland and anonymous, except for the splendidly gross John Belushi who was left to

go his own way.

For all the \$26,500,000 wasted on 1941, Spielberg is still well in credit. By last year his two previous films, Jans something more adventurous, more difficult, more stretching: 1941 is an abuse of Spielberg's artistic freedom.

now Knife in the Head. In West Germany he has a reputation for selecting subjects about the maltreatment of young people either by their parents or by the state. While Knife in the Head begins with a voilent police raid on a youth club, its main focus is the plight of a scientist, Hoff-man, who is innocently shot in the head during the incident.

His experience could represent the general feeling of pre-natal guilt experienced by young Germans as a result of the last war. As Hoffman gra-dually regains consciousness and starts to relearn the basic skills of walking and talking, he becomes aware that his hospital room is guarded and that he stands accused of terrorist crimes. As his memory has been lost, this accusation is like a living nightmare.

naked girl swims in the moon- and Close Encounters of the their own support of terrorists, or the police, whose black leather clothing and vindictive behaviour make them appear more like gangsters than guardians of the law. Hoffmore difficult, more stretching; man's sense of isolation and 1941 is an abuse of Spielberg's bewildered fear is perfectly structured by the minimal Only two films by Reinhard face-twitching of Bruno Ganz.

By investing the audience's sympathy in the wretched plight of Hoffman, Hauff conducts a quier, painless debate on the conflicting merits of politicisms. on the conflicting merits of terrorism as a means of political change and the inevitable excesses of state power. His argument is not loaded—both sides are shown to be equally base—but he finally backs the liberal stance, that, if violence is the method of political argument, innocents are going to be furt.

Turning a novel into a film is never easy, even if, as in the case of Sweet William, you employ the novelist, here Beryl Bainbridge, to write the screenplay. It would be inscreenplay. It would be in-teresting to hear the views of Miss Bainbridge about the completed film, directed by Claude Whatham. A layer of gritty realism has been removed from the tone of the Bainbridge book, so that Sweet William hooks and feels as if it is an English version of a silly French farce about an incorrigible womanizer who has a

string of mistresses. The hero of the film (Sam Waterston) is not portrayed as either charming or naughty enough to get away with such enough to get away with such a thing, nor do the women (among them Jenny Agutter, Anna Massey and Geraldine James) seem hooked on him enough to put up with his insufferable snugness. The awful tale of a ladies' man who takes terrible advantage has become terrible advantage has become a light story of misplaced love.

When, in 1975, the aunt and cousin of Jackie Kennedy Onessis were threatened with eviction for living in insanitary conditions in their Long Island home, the brothers David and Albert Maysles took their cameras along to see what the fuss was about. Amid the squalor, the bare boards, the racoons in the roof, the fleas and the mangy cats were living Big Edia into her seventies and Little Edie, aged 56 and

more than a little dotty. The film of their repeated visits, Grep Gardens, is wholly fascinating but thoroughly tas-teless. Seldom have filmmakers so clearly been intruding into private grief. Both women were powerless to determine what parts of their lives were to be shown and the Maysles' presence made an "objective" record impossible, causing Little Edie to play up pitifully to the camera. The film is a record of an assault upon two women inspired by a mean desire to broaden and magnify the embarrassment of a third woman whose late husbands were prominent in public life.

It is sad to see Natalie Wood been lost, this accusation is like a living nightmare.

His sanity is not reassured by the behaviour of his wife and her new lover, who deceitfully use his plight to further everyone is supposed to be everyone is supposed to be thinking about sex all day. Even for its type, the humour is spread very thinly in this one. Finally, a correction: Rockp

was directed by John E. Avildsen, not Sylvester Stallone, whom I named last week. Nicholas Wapshott

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William Mann

The name of the Soviet com-poser Alfred Schnittke is not yet a household word in this country. Genuadi Rozhdestven-sky, who conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra, per-suaded the corporation to com-mission a new work from mission a new work from Schnittke, and intimated that it would preface Bruckner's E minor Mass (the one with wind-

Mecca, where he was too late most personal statement of to visit the composer's grave faith. was not permitted to move near enough to the chancel to see as well as hear the Mass being sung. For his second symphony, subtitled St Florian and dedicated to Bruckner's memory, he decided to secrete a mass, only half-experienced, into its orchestral movements. The result was baptized last Wednesinto day.

The fragments of choral Mass are mostly heard at the start of a movement, and suggest the symphotic orchestral music to minor Mass (the one with wind-band accompaniment).

Schnittke remembered a visit to St Florian, the Brucknerite's haps because the Creed is the

The choral Mass (what we hear of it) is not derived from Bruckner, nor in any of his styles, unless the pre-classical models which all students learn to ape. Schnittke is evidently remembering how a quite slien, formal sort of music set off in the appreciative non-Christian listener another train of musical thought, also personal. It is eventful, in terms of

yocal and orchestral colour, of dramatic barmony and texture, rather old-fashioned perhaps for a composer aged 46 this year, though British disteners, at least, will appreciate the younger man's overt homage to our Benjamin Britten.

Anybody who dubs it A Peace Requiem has my concordat. The music has its stretches of negative aggression and positive vitality, echoes of Britten's greatest choral work, creatively reworked, and other ideas, more individual or more archaistic, that banish War Requiem from the memory, yet remain for their own sake. Schnittke's St Florian Sym-

phony is gently affecting, neither a challenge nor a masterpiece. For me, new music must have some spiritual impact akin to physical attack, and the new piece did little to rouse my concern. Its undoubted quality has to be admired, and I can imagine that it would be much liked by, for example, a Three Choirs Festival audience.

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which is giving overnight reviewers a hard time, Ron Daniels's first main house Stratford show offers an unusually full text, including the Friar's leborious recap and 20 Reseal St., Landon, WC2
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31 LTHE WORLD'S STACE OF WHAT CAN THE POINT AT An exhibition of 187, 20th and early 20th of energy drawings and viging 20th of energy drawings and viging 10-7, 30: Thurs. 7 p.m. and 5313, 10-13, 30 p.m. Opens 24th April. Peter's dismally unfunny scene with the musicians. The entombment of Juliet is conducted to Stephen Oliver's setting of Nasir's "In Time of Pestilence" sung by a stage-full of candle-lit mourners who disperse, leaving the Friar to get the bad news and hurry off to the waukt when he is already standing inside it. Just why the text has been allowed to spread and generate awkward side effects is a mystery to me, as the produc-tion evinces no interest in the play's background events. With the exception of Brenda Bruce's

splendid Nurse, a pugnacious menial given to slapping her own hand whenever she speaks out of turn, the elders re-main uncharacterized, elegantly dressed mannequins whose only function is to deliver chunks of unfeeling rhemric and submit just as impassively to their children's embraces. The point, presumably, is that they are of no use to the young who are thus left alone to con-

Piccadilly, London, W.1.

LORD LEVERHOLMS till 25th May
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price till 1.45 og Suns, time the dynastic fend unaided by anything beyond their own passions. It is only their society that the production explores, and the parental elders are supplanted by Mercunio and Tybalt who lead their black leather gangs around the flaking mobile walls of Raiph Kohai's Verona as if hot from their latest assault on the Neasden transport system.



misleading cliché but it does underline the production's chief meric its emphasis on youth. Not since the legendary Zeffirelli version have I seen a production which so powerfully transmits the sense of awakening adolescence. Judy Buxton's Juliet when we

first see her is still a child; the Nurse can go up and handle her as unceremoniously as an infant, and when we then reach the balcony scene and see her arm involuntarily reaching down to touch her lower's fingertips the un-premeditated lyricism of the gesture is overwhelming. Thanks, be it said at once,

also to Anton Lesser's Romeo who for once is a fit companion for the rest of the gang. If not exactly in the hell's angels class he is impish and witty, and when he goes into the werbal tennis game with dummy, and who is plainly Mercutio, each hit registered more determined than Chris with a pistol-shot handclap Hunter's Tybalt on a showdown.

The costume strikes me as a by the group, it is no directorial extravagence when they all wind up with their arms rounds each other's necks or writhing in exhausted mirth on the ground. Mr Lesse manages to carry the convivial side of Romeo over into the love scenes; even in Juliet's bedroom he remains a joker.

From the Capulet feast scene, with maskers whirling into Mr Oliver's syncopated dances with a blind Cupid on a pole, one deduces an ominous comment on the nature of erotic ob-

Up to that point it is a thrill-

ing evening, conducted under the baleful supervision of Jona-than Hyde's Mercutio who does wonders with the Queen Mab speech (delivered in a crouching position to individual members of the gang), and with the conjuring scene where he employs Cupid as a ventriloquist's

The Imitation Game BBC I

Michael Church

At last the penny is beginning to drop beyond the confines of the smart literary world: in Ian McEwan we have a quite remarkable writer. It is doubtbut whether the penny had dropped among the BBC man-agement before that shameful time last year when McEwan's first television play was banned and its producer frozen out. All the signs are that the representation of an embalmed penis required at certain moments in Solid Geometry blinded the BBC to the merit of

As readers of the New Statesman, in which the script was published, were subsequently able to confirm, that adaptation of one of McEwan's short stories was a slight but highly original piece which would probably not have led to many more complaints than the score or so which for the nervous mandarius constitute a "flood".

It is nice, therefore, to see the BBC partially redeeming itself by screening McEwan's majestic second play in an equally majestic production by Richard Eyre. Once again, as with David Hare's Licking Hitler and Peter Ransley's Kate, the Good Neighbour, hitherto largely ignored aspects of the social history of the Second World War have inspired a piece of television drama which

is both new and profound.

The scheme of The Imitation

Game is essentially a simple
one. Cathy is a talented, intelligent girl hemmed in by an reversal of nature, women may ances that of Harriet If the Nazis invade, women

resistance fighters will count as much as men. "Intelli-gence"work is what lures her most-knowledge, and therefore power. Like a moth to the flame, and aided by a series of accidents, she is drawn into the centre of the intelligence operation where she is discovered and, her motives misunderstood, is condemned as an enemy of society.

Those who condemned her, course, were men, just as it was men who condemned her and her fellow workers to toil without the satisfaction of know-ing what loftier purpose it served. The play was apparently the result of lengthy researches into the life women workers led at Bletchley, and it was fuelled by the conviction that social oppression has more to do with sex than with class.

As the punishment meted out this week to Miss Cynthia Payne amply demonstrates, pat-riarchal attitudes in Britain are still strong, but it is thanks to women like Cathy that they are not much stronger. The imita-tion Game is indeed a feminist statement, and one of a welcome maturity. McEwan's heroine was not represented as expecting the moon and the stars and, apart from one piece of wonky characterization (the improbable transformation of her would-be deflowerer) the principal men in her life were depicted with understanding and sympathy, if also with sly humour. Trite feminist rhetoric about sex and power was here given substance in dialogue which at times possessed marveilous power and subtlety.

Richard Eyre rose magnifi-cently to McEwan's challenge, echoing the hesitations, the brutal shifts, the light and shade of the script with direcannihilatingly conventional tion of rare quality, using Mor-lower middle class world. For art's dark Fantasia in C minor her the war represents hope: to underscore the tragedy, paradoxically, in that general Among numerous fine performbreak their bonds and be free. as Cathy, stood out like a lf the Nazis invade, women beacon.

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Cricket

The young and the not-so-young have some moments to savour

By John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent
LORD'S: MCC, with eight second
tunings wickets in humi, are level
with Essex. Essex, the county champious, are having rather the better of their match with MCC. At Lord's vesterday they had gained a first innings lead of 48 when they declared at 257 for seven. In the

65 minutes that were left, MCC scored 48 for two. scored 48 for two.

For Essex Denness, at the age of 39, scored 69; Fletcher, who is 36 next month, made 41, and Gooth, who is comfortably installed in the England side, got 44. For MCC Wilson, who is 21, and Dilley, who is 20, showed that cricket is also a young man's game by taking five of the seven Essex wickets to fall. Again it was a cold, grey and bleak day, but not uninteresting.

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Denness and Fletcher played as well as they ever can have, so early in the season. If Botham beat the bat once before lunch he cust have done so 20 times; so seen did the batsmen play and miss at him, outside the off stump, that even the umpires smilled in sympathy. Being square on in the way he bats, Gooch was beaten, if anything, more often than Denness. Between them though, they did well to make 98 together for the first wicket.

As captain of MCC. Botham must have found himself, after an hour or so, thinking that it was time he gave someone else a bowl, yet expecting at any moment to he moment. He has recently been flogging the water in Scotland for a salmon, but without success; yesterday, although he bowled better than anyone, he had to wait until nearly 5 o'clock for a

wait until nearly 5 o'clock for a wicket.

It must be a long time since an MCC attack was opened in a match of this kind by two such sprapping young men as Diliey and Wilson. The last fast bowling place for last winter's tour to Australia rested between them. In the event it went to Dilley, who had his moments out there. Wilson went to South Africa instead, to widen his experience. Yesterday the hostest ball of the day was bowled by Dilley, who suddenly took everyons by surprise when he made one really take off. On average there was not a lot to choose between them for pace. One day, all being well, one or the other may be genuinely fast. Wilson is said to have cut his run down by several yards. If so there must have been a time when he would have started it nearly in the Long Room—and they must have a long straight boundary at Wellington Collège, where he was at school. He is very fall and there is too much arm and where he was at school. He is very all and there is too much arm and not enough body in his action, but the same could be said of Neil Adcock, the South African, whose run-up was similar, and no one much liked playing Adcock on his



Captains two: the old hand, Fletcher, drives while the young lion, Botham, watches from the slips

howled too short; Miller looked fit again after his premature return from Australia with a back injury. There was, in fact, a brilliant diving catch in the guily by Miller, who also held a good running one in the covers. rinning one in the covers.

Fletcher was playing very well when Miller caught him; well enough, I dare say, to make the selectors think of him in terms of next winter's tour to West Indies. In a rather chancler way, and not for so long, Butcher, too, was also taking the eye when Gooch caught him beautifully at second slip off Sainsbury, diving to his left, after Fletcher had declared.

Ev then poor Lumb had started

By then poor Lumb had started the season with a "pair", Sainsbury yorking him in his first over. And Sainsbury is playing in the match only because Norbert Phillip, the Dominican, is still in West Indies, When Phillip returns your another promising warms. the same could be said of Neil Adook, the South African, whose run-up was similar, and no one much liked playing Adoock on his day. It is too early to be sure about Wilson, but he is one to follow.

Of the five fast or fastish howiers in this match—Dilley. Wilson, Lever, Seinsbury and Botham—the first four all run much the same distance, which, as near as makes no matter, is 35 yards, or 10 yards farther than Lindwall and 15 yards farther than Miller. Edmonds, whose return to the England side would shorten the rall and strengthen the fielding.

G. Miller, G. D. L. Bairstow, F. R. Edmunds, G. R. Dilley and P. H. L'E, Wilson to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1—4, 2—21, W. R. Fletcher, c Miller, b . Hardie, c Parker, b Miller Pont, c Miller, b Sotham urner not out Smith, I b w. b Dilley ... East, not out tras (b 2, l-b 3, w 1, n-b 11)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—98. 2—107. 3—144. 4—189. 5—200. 6—212. Umpires: J. G. Langridge and P. S.

Today's cricket

Gower rewards the frozen faithful

McQueen still unfit

breathe

more easily

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Pitchford, the Leeds prop forward, also got "sending-off sufficient" and can play for Leeds at Salford, while Hogan ... (Widnes), who appeared for two dismissals, might have expected more than the three matches he received.

The toughest sentence yesterday was imposed on Nicholas (Warrington), who received a seven-match

was imposed to disclose (Warring-ton), who received a seven-match ban. Corcoran (Blackpool Borough), got four matches, Kelly (Warrington), three, and other suspensions imposed included Mordell (Oldham), the former Rosslyn Park player, who sits out

Rosslyn. Park player, who sits out two games next season.

The draw for the first round of next season's Yorkshire Cup has given the holders, Leeds, a home tie against York.

DRAW: Hallay Cardeford: Control of the holders of the ho

The disciplinary committee showed sufficient leniency yesterday to ensure that two Hull players, the full back. Paul Woods,

By Keith Macklin

By Richard Streeton CAMBRIDGE: Leicestershire, with seven wickets in hand, are 79 runs behind the University. An hour's carefree strokeplay by An hour's carefree strokeplay by Gower in the closing stages rewarded the faithful yesterday on an overcast and bitterly cold day at Fenner's. Forceful drives on hoth sides of the wicket brought Gower seven boundaries and his is also included a splendidiy-timed pull for six over mid-wicket. Less happily for Laicestershire. Taylor, who is not the luckiest of bowlers in the matter of injuries, broke a in the matter of lajuries, broke a finger in the field. He could be out of the game for two or three

out of the game for two or three weeks.

Gower, for all too abort a period, provided the day's spectacle before he lobbed a simple carch to backward square leg as he played rather casually off his legs. Among lesser mortals there was also some correct, and at times fluent, batting to admire from Steele, as Leicestershire gathered runs untroubled by Cambridge's predominantly seam tack. Briers was out cheaply when he tried to leg glauce a shade early and edged a catch to second slip, but Balderstone scored treely until he tried an over-

truely until he tried an over-ambitious hit.
If was three o'clock before Cam-edge declared with Leicestershire Second XI

championship Rugby Union Rugby League Why Hull can

Beaumont wins player of year award

Billy Beaumont capped a momentous season yesterday when he was named rugby player of the year. The England lock, who led his country to the grand slam, his country, to the grand slam, his country, Lancashire, to the championship, and the North to victory over the Ail Blacks, next week layes for South Africa as captain of the British Lious.

Beaumont. as overwhelming Beaumont, an overwhelming vinner in the player of the year vote by Rugby World magazine, said: "Being captain of a national side pushes me to the forefront, but I could never have achieved this success without the other 14 members of the team. I know it's going to be difficult in South Africa but I am confident that we will return with the spolls in Campbell, Ireland's record points

scorer, was second in the poll and Gareth Davies, the Wales stand-off Blyth, the Swansea full back, have recovered from Injury and will play in the Weish Cup final against Bridgend at Cardiff tomorrow. Cheeseman comes into the back row. the back row.

Bridgend, will have J. P. R.
Williams at full back. He returned
to first-class rugby recently and
has played in Bridgend's last four
watches. His inclusion means there
for Jun Bayles. : no place for lan Davies. Scridgend's leading scorer this

Hockey

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having been kopt in the field longer than counties have become accustomed to boing by undergraduates in April. Mubarak and Odoudaal, the overnight pair, made their third-wicket stand worth 145 before Mubarak played on against Balderstone trying to square cut. Nearly all his 16 fours were driven. Nobody would have begrudged him the further eight runs he needed Pringle, who is 6ft 4in tall, and whose cricket future lies with Exex, barred before the end with the confidence befitting a man with 100 behind him last year at Lord's. Of the county's regular bowlers, Agnew had trouble with his line and Clift and Cook were the steadier. Nobody would have begrudged him the further eight runs he needed to become the first Cambridge batsman for 18 years to score 100 in the season's opening match.

Odendaal, early on, was almost caucht at leg slip trying to sweep Cook. Otherwise he again made several firm strokes with a conviction that should bring him runs this summer. Leicestershire had just taken the new ball when Taylor's accident happened as intried to catch Odendaal from a hard, straight hit, inches from the ground.

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GAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

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Davison, who does not often
howl these days, took over when
Taylor went off to hospital. He
was soon rewarded with Odendaal's wicket when the South
African mistimed an on drive and
Gower took an awkward carch at
midwicket as he fell over. BoydMoss, who has made runs for
Beaford-hire, looked a wellcranged batsman before he was
caught from bat and pad at ally
point. Umpires; H. D. Sird and W. E.

Kovers mamie Cooper Gordon McQueen, Manchester United's centre half, has little chance of being fit for tomorrow's home game against Coventry City. He has missed the last two with a back injury. Terry Cooper, aged 35, the former England, Leeds, Middlesbrough and Bristol City full back,

has been appointed manager of Bristol Rovers.

Gloucester find time for batting practice

By Alan Gibson
OXFORD: Oxford University need
501 runs in their second innings
to beat Gloucestershire.
When an Oxford University side in the season , the important thing to remember on the second day is the number they need to save the follow on. This rule, laid down by one of the senior inhabitants of the Parks press hortants of the Parks press box, seemed very likely to apply yes-terday, but, as it happened, did not, partly because Oxford never not, partly because Oxford never looked remotely like saving the follow on and partly because Brain (who is captaining Gloucestershire in this match) did not enforce it. He decided to give his side batting practice, which was a reasonable choice, and opened the second innings with Eainbridge and Graveney. These improbable successors to Hobbs and Succiffe put on 124 overs, so easily that it was almost embarrassing. was almost embarrassing.
Oxford, beginning at 27 for three, were all out for 79, shortly after lunch, in the 58th over. For a little in the morning, with Orders and Rogers plugging on steadily, it seemed they might make a better response. They reached 67 for four, but then collapsed in the way young nervons. almost embarrassing. lapsed in the way young, nervous, inexperienced University sides often do. The seam bowlers who took the wickets, Surridge, Patridge, and Wilkins, did not have much help from the pitch, though puffs help from the pitch, though parts of dust came up now and then. Certainly it seemed to give no help to the Oxford bowlers when It was their turn. Their best was again the off spin bowler Sutcliffe, though I hope he is not given too much work to do, too soon. The captain, Ross, on his form in this match, is scarcely worth his place in the side. No doubt he will get better. You could never have made better. You could never have ma such a query about Donnelly, who was, so far as my memory goes, the last New Zealander to captain Unford.

the field as Gloucestershire battered them. Graveney scored a century, his first. Very pleasingly he
batted for it, though I think he
would agree that, like Broad the
day before, he had a few half volleys to help. I remember quite a
long time ago, an argument between his father Ken and his uncle
Tom. Ken thought he would be a
batsman. Tom thought he would be a
batsman. Tom thought he would be
a bowler. He has turned out more
bowler than batsman, but I bet his
father was pleased last night.
Oxford need not feel to humiliated. Good university sides in the
past have made a mess of their
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Young bowlers rewarded

County cricket's young bowlers, usually overlooked by sponsors will be rewarded by the Commercial Union Assurance Company this Season.

Having established the under-23 batsman of the month and batsman of the season awards last season.
Commercial Union bave now
decided to recognize the bowlers'
efforts.
Each month's winner will receive

Each month's winder will receive a video recorder while the best young bowler of the season will win a set of colour video recording equipment and monitor for his county. The Test selectors, Alectory, The Test selectors, and Charles Elliott, will be joined as judges by Ted Dexter. Performances in all competitions will count.

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Commercial Union, in addition to continuing sponsorship of the Under-15 County Championship, for which there are 32 entries and the under-15 Oxford and Cambridge Festivals, will also back a boys under-15 golf tournament with the final at Sunningdale on August 26 and 27.

Football

European finalists may have done their national team a big favour

Football Correspondent

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As England gained impetus in the early months of Ron Greenwood's benign guardianship, the belief grew that a new cycle of more successful events was being given a gentile push. Luck as well as judgment changed for the better and there is still an impression that things are neatly falling into place. The arrival of Nottingham Forest and Arsenal in the European Cup and Cup Winners' Cup finals advances the notion.

ners' Cup finals advances the notion.
The timing is ideal, placing Football League clobs in the forefront of Europe just before the European Championship in Italy, horingham Forest by beating the Dutch club, Ajax, 2—1 on aggregate not only offered themselves a chance to retain the truphy but they will also extend the run of English appearances in that floal to four successive seasons. That in itself gives the rest of Europe the uncomfortable feeling that in England a resurgence is thriving at club as well as international level.

Arsenal men adoen a master's touch by heating Juventus 1—0 in Turin where on June 15 England play Italy in what will probably be the crucial group match of the European Champlonship. Juventus, of course, form the backbone of

the Italian national team. That spine seems softer after Italy's struggle against Poland in that mm. Static Commonle last Starday and Wednesday's mortifying defeat for the national cap champions. The predominantly Irish Arsenal team, whose football is not always nutriment to the discrimination, have done England a conspicuous favour.

Exclide Socioli has not pre-

English football has not previously been represented in the European Cup and Cup Winners' Cup finals in the same season and Cup finals in the same season and though this is a fine achievement there is a magging thought that the longstanding competition between German and English football may not be greatly influenced by these timely successes of Forest and Arsenal. The Germans had all four semi-finalists in this week's Uefa Cup, which is the barometer of European strength in depth, and Hamburg's superb, Keeganinspired 5—I victory over Real Madrid in the European Cup provide Forest with awesome opposition in Madrid on May 28. Madrid on May 28.

While recognising Forest's accomplishment in coming out of the second division to take the league title and reach two European Cupfinuls is unique, one would be blind to history if believing that the opposition they have faced so far bears comparison with teams

disappointing examples; shadows of an illustrious past, merely hin-dering a Forest side of great determination but scarcely excep-

None of these reservations alters
the probability that Forest and
Hamburg will produce a far more
competitive final than last season's when Malmo trod water so
tediously. The appearance of
Keegan, his last for Hamburg before joining Southampton, and
Francis for Forest is an enticing
supplementary feature in what supplementary feature in what could not be a better finale for British inducests.

Wet again we will frown and say that Forest's defence could let them down and doubtless we will again be proved wrong by the stalwart Lloyd and Burns who were so robustly firm against Ajax. Once more we will probably stand back and ask how Forest do it; even at a time of no great champions their ability to rise above fairly ordinary club form is an ever-surprising talent that even Keegan and Kaltz may find irke-some.

Arsenal's opponents in the final in Brussels on May 14 will be Valencia who boast such internationally-tested players as Kempes, of Argentina, and Bouhof, of West Germany. Both scored in Valencia's 4—0 second leg defeat of Naties.

how deadly is Hrubesch in the air, or how powerful is Kaite's shot. Once seen, never forgotten. Both scored twice, and Memering, the decisive fifth to a deafening roar in the timel minute.

Hamburg have no obvious weakness although their defence was rarely tested mill after fite interval. They see quick, aggressive and organised, and Buljan, aptivnamed, commands all at the back with nonchalance.

Der HSV im Europacup finale was emplacomed yesterday in the morning oppers. No granslation was needed. Nor is there any need to eighorate on Keegan's achievements since he went to Germany. Twice European Footballer of the Year, he has now taken Hamburg

Year, he has now taken Hamburg into unknown territory on the highest of European mountains.

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Co

Birmingham will have Todd for last game

Colin Tood, Birmingham City's former England defender, can play in the final match of their promotion run-in, but he expects to miss the start of their campaign next season. Tood, sent off the west for their campaign of their campaign next season. paign next season. Todd, sent off at West Ham United on Tuesday night, automatically misses the game at Burnley on Saturday, but an FA disciplinary commission yesterday cleared him to play in the last match against Norts County when he appeared before them for reaching 20 points. However, that sending off, his second this season, takes Todd past 30 points, and he will have to come before the FA again. Any past 30 points, and be will have to come before the FA again. Any suspension imposed then would be carried over to next season.

West Ham's Ray Stewart was cleared to take part in the club's busy build-up to the FA cupfinal, when he was let off with a warning for 20 points, as was silly Gilbert, the Crystal Palace defender, who can now face Liverpool at Selhurst Park on Saturday.

Mike England's first squad as the new Weish manager contains a welcome infusion of young talent for the forthcoming Home a welcome infusion of young talent for the forthcoming Home International series. Eugland, appointed as Mike Smith's successor last mooth, has brought in seven new names in his 22-player squad. But he has omitted three former regulars, Phil Dwyer, John Mahoney and Malcolm Page.

Among the uncapped players are Tottenham Hotspur's second-choice goalkeeper Mark Kendall, who has played at under-21 level, Chestar's promising striker language and Everton's Kevit Ratcliffe, who have both been promoted from last season's national youth team.

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Englishmen steal the German night punching Keegan, Stielike, a Tr was as though threy were German, had an unhappy return, carring initiative autobalus. Remou, their goedkeeper, was through the Spanish countryside. Few can fast to picture Keegan on perves, and Pixri, their defensive rock, merely drifted with the tide of his familiar, twisting bursts. rock, merely drifted with the tide of his familiar, twisting bursts. Not many, though, will have seen how deanly it Hrubesch in the air, we have accomplished to the constraint of the constraint.

By Stuart Tones

Wednesday's memorable night in northern Germany may not have fallen on an English team's success but it did belong to two Englishmen, Keegan's remarkable performance figured prominently in Hamburg's convincing 5-1 triumph, 5-3 overall, against Real Madrid, and the only danger on their path to the European Cup final was Cunningham.

A black arrow, there was no A black arrow, there was no sign of his quivering, tentative performances at international level. At speed which silenced the

hase crowd, the ebony Curaning-hant flew repeatedly towards Hamburg's last line of white. Sometimes he ran into blind alleys, but the opposition never-rested easily when he was in possession. Birties and Francis can rate mure.

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Consider the statistics of a bewildering first half. Hamburg scored four, struck the woodwork twice, and brought forth two notable saves. Real replied once, a cool lob from Cunningham, hit the bar once, also through Cunningham, and twice forced Kargus to use his comically large gloves. All that in the second leg of a semi-final when defence is the universal password. Nottingham Forest must have smiled at the outcome, for Real, in their own famous stadium. possession. Birties and Francis can take more.

Yet there was a Real disappointment. Det Bosque, clearly, a skiditul artist, completed a frusketting evening by being sent off for when going forward.

Players face disciplinary action Yesterday's results Florence, April 24.—The Italian were suspected of having fixed toologist that 17 players and a club president face disciplinary action concerning allegations that they could be suspended from football for life and their clubs may be relegated to the second division.

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World Cup. striker, Paolo Rossi, and the president of the Italian least 20 other players have been champion club, AC Milen, Felice Colombo:

Publishing the results of shelr first inquiry into a major illegal betting scandal, the federation said 17 players and Mr Colombo

The federation and judiciar yare also investigating the alleged fixing second division results. At many the matches on which the federation based their main findings were played in December, 1979, and January this year. They betting scandal, the federation and judiciar yare also investigating the alleged fixing the properties.

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Hutchins is getting some useful guidance

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent Tennis Correspondent'
The Pernod Trophy tennis tournament at Teddington is providing naschi guidance for Paul Hutchios, Britain's team managar. He has at least one vacancy to fill in Britain's team for the Davis Cup tie against Romania on grass courts at Bristol from June 13 to 15. Christopher Mottram must be an automatic choice. Faute de mieux, a second place will almost certainly go to the sitting tenant, John Lloyd, in spire of his currently modest form. The same applies to David Lloyd aged 32, who advances from the wings to the centre of the stage only, these days, as a doubles player. His former partner, Mark Cox, has withdrawn from active service to organize the team's traiting and practice and advise them on strategy. In short, the team who reached the 1978 Davis Cup final no longer amount to much as a collective force.

Two men with brief Davis Cup

much as a collective force.

Two men with brief Davis Cup records have reached the semi-minal round of the singles at Teddington. They are Richard Lewis, aged 25, and John Feaver, 28, who are good players to have around when the game must be played on grass. Lewis's next opponent will be another contender, Robin Drysdale, 27. Feaver will play Charlis Fancutt, son of the formerly familiar Trevor Fancut and Daphne Seeney. Others in the reckoning must be Andrew Jarratt, 22, who did not play at Teddington, and Jonathan Smith, 25, who yesterday lost an interesting match with Lewis.

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In retrospect, if not at the time, Lewis and Smith must be grateful for the benefits of a rigorous exercise in match play that lasted for three hours and five minutes.

Both recently resumed competition after injury. They needed the work and, considering all the circumstances, each can be encouraged if not satisfied with the way he played. These are big, thoughtful men. Their heads were often bowed in the intensity of their concentration. During changeovers smith drooped his head and shoulders in an orange towel, shutting out the world while, he brooded on what was happening and wity. brooded on what was happening and wity.

What happened eventually was that Lewis won 1—6, 7—6, 7—6, after having saved two march points when serving at 2—5 down in the third set. He had also come close to defeat in the second set, in which he led 5—2 bur had two break points against him at 5—5 and was taken to a tie-break.

There were two fundamental contrasts, one in technique and the other in character. Lewis had the heavier shots but was more erratic, especially on the backhand. Smith was nearly compact in all he did and had no obvious weakness—nor any shot that

in all he did and had no obvious weakness — nor any shot that could do much damage. Just as important was the fact that Lewis grew in authority the longer he was on court, whereas Smith tended to be tentative at those fleeting moments when opportunity beckoned most brightly. It seemed a pity that either man had to lose after having given so moth. Drysdale came back from 2—4
down in the first set to confound
the world rankings by beating
David Schneider 7—6, 6—4
Feaver won 6—3, 6—3 against
Dale Collings, who had two points
for a 4—1 lead in the second set
but scored only seven more
points in the match. Fancutt had

a 6—3, 3—6, 7—5 win over that talanted left-hander, John White-ford. In the third set Whiteford came back from 3—5 down, saving three match points on his own service at 4—5. But he lost a tie-break after having advanced to a 5—4 lead with two services to

break after having advanced to a 5—4 lead with two services to some.

This match was also remarkable for its bad language. Someone suggested that this was a "serellite circuit" with grand prix terminology. The odd thing is that so far only one player—from overseas—has been reported to the referee for misconduct. We must assume from this that there are many unduly long-suffering impires who value their status in the chair more than their self-respect.

The last four women are Jennifer Walker (Australia) v Deborah Jevans (Britain) and Caroline Franch (France) v Cynthia Doerner (Anstralia). The first two won in straight sets. Miss Franch, aged 19, is a well groomed, long-legged Parisienme playing her first year of full-time tennis. Throughout this five-week circuit she will be nipping home at weekends to play in the French inter-club—competition, which could become an awkward clash of interests if she insists on reaching the later rounds of the Pernod circuit.

MER'S SENGLES: Guaranta I

Rackets

Nicholls brothers go through to play holders

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By Roy McKelvie

Rackets Correspondent

The Nicholls brothers, Mark and
Psul, were too severe for Geoffrey
Atkins and David Jenkins in the
amateur rackets doubles championchip at Queen's Cledb yesterday.
They won by 0—15. 15—2, 15—4,
16—18, 15—8, 15—6 and will now
meet the holders, Howard Angue
and Andrew Milne, in the semifinal round toencrow.

The maich did not warm up
until the third game and then,
unless the Nicholis made a real
bash of it (they can be erracic),
it was fairly clear which way it
was going. The brothers, having
made a most insuspicious start,
tenled down in the second game,
when Pani Nicholls with a run
of 12 took lots side to 14—0

Mark Nicholls gave his side a
good lead at the start of the fourth
game and they were later ahead
11—7. There a few shots went
astray and Atkins, as calm and
steady as always, punished the
brothers for & Atkins and Jenkins
reached 13—11. Mark Nicholis
then produced three aces but the
brothers' tendency to hit down
at crucial moments, born of being
in too mach of a hurry, cost them
the chance of a 3—1 lead. Atkins

At crucial moments, born of being in too much of a hurry, cost them the chance of a 3—1 lead. Atkins saw to that.

Charles Hue Williams and John Prenn had quite a battle with Peter Seabrook and Robert Sutton, whom they beat by 15—9, 15—12, 15—3, 12—15, 17—14. The losers proved more srubborn than expected, and Seabrook in particular made few unforced errors. The winners now meet William Boone and Randall Crawley in the other semi-final.

Athletics

Women attempt to convince IOC

Women from 30 countries are to compete in London's first Round-the-streets maration. The 500 competitors, and organizers of the Avon Cosmetics International Marathon, hope that the event, to be staged on August 3, will convince the International Olympic Committee that the women's marathon should be included in future games.

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games.

The race, starting at Battersea
Park, will follow mainly a northern
Thames-side route, finishing at the
Guildhalt in the City of Londonafter taking in a circular tour of
East-London's lake of Dogs.

The race will be televised by
BBC and American NBC and follows the pattern of established
marthons, such as those held in
Boston and New York.

Marea Hartman, secretary of the
Women's AA and a delegate to the
IAAS, welcomed the decision by
Avon to stage the marathon in
London. She said: "The race is
particularly important, because
there is no Olympic marathon for
women. I believe the eyes of the
sthletics world will be focused on
what should be a classic race."

Miss Hartman added, in a call
for the IOC to eccept women's
marathon running, that there was
a general acceptance by doctors
now that women, properly trained. a general acceptance by doctors now, that women, properly trained, were physically more suited to long distance running than men.

Britain leave it late Britain scored three times in the final minute to beat Finland

94-88 in the basketball inter-national at Torquay last night.

Irishman sprints second win

Cullera, Spain, April 24.—Sean Kelly, the 24-year-old Tipperary road racer, out-sprinted a top European field to record nis second successive win in the Tour of Spain cycling race today. Kelly, a farmer's son from Car-

rick-on-Suir, produced a burst of speed on the run in to the second stage from Benidorm to Cullera He completed the 108 miles ride in 5hr 10min 42sec and thrust his bike across the finishing line just aheat of the field which included the Italian, Roberto Viscotini, winne of the prologue stage, and thi tour's overall leader by a mertwo seconds from the Irishman,

This seconds from the Irishman.

This second stage of the grue!

ling event, which skirted the
Spanish city of Valencia, was 'tu'
at slow pace because of the hear
The riders arrived in Cullera 4:
minutes behind schedule. The Nev
Zealander, Paul Jesson, kept his
hopes of causing au upser alive
when he finished in the middle of
the pack. He remains in fourt
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SECOND STAGE: 100 miles from Benidorm to Cultera 1. S. Koly (1) and place 1. S. Koly (2) and place 1. S. Color (Notherland); S. J. S. J.

From crease to office: Alan Burridge epitome of cricket administrator

How the new man at Lord's views his work

By Richard Streeton Alan Burridge, the new Middlesex secretary, is the epitome of the modern cricket administrator players, the full back, Paul Woods, and the centre, Graham Walters, will be eligible to play in the premiership first round the with Urigh on Sunday.

In Walter's case the "sending-off sufficient" verdict for his dismissal in the Challenge Cup semi-final round means he is available for Hull in the cup final at Wembley on Saturday week. In the case of Woods, the problem before the committee was whether an "A" team game, ironically between Hull KR and Hull, should count in his list of suspensions. who has become so essential to the county clubs since they finally accepted they were businesses and had to be run as

ousnesses and nad to be run as such. The secretary's role has seldom been the comfortable niche for retired Service officers, that the popular view has often imagined. They have usually been the hardest worked, least known people in cricket. people in cricket.

In Mr Burridge Middlesex have an official with the requisite commercial and sporting background; he happens, as well, to have a better playing record as a cricketer than most in the job. He is one of only two Minor Counties cricketers, for instance, to have won a Gilleme Cup man of the match award and a Benson and Hedges Cup gold award. More relevant to his new post, he has a professional working knowledge of modern leisure and recreational activities in other spheres. It adds up to a formidable list of attributes that should help him enormously as he takes over from Arthur Flower, who is retiring after 34 years' dedicated service to Middlesex cricket.

Mr Burridge, who is 43. comes people in cricket.



Alan Burridge: a fine playing record as well

department were responsible for, amon gother things, parks, leisure centres, emeraninment and sports facilities. All these subjects have a relationship to county cricket, with lessons to be learned for its administrators. The rapid growth of local sports centres is an example. It has played a part in affecting attendances. People tend to participate roday rather than to participate today rather than watch. to Middlesex cricket.

Mr Burridge, who is 43. comes to Lord's from Watford borough council, where he bore the typically. cumbersome local Burridge says. "As I see it, we government title of amenities and recreation manager. He and his county clubs that those schoolboys

who want to play cricket are given every opportunity to do so and to develop. Similarly, the club game has got to be encouraged. From the county club's point of view, anyone with the potential to play for the county has got to be spotted and to be given his chance. Obviously, in my first year or so, I will be learning my new role, but I think it fair to say that

our I think it tair to say that everybody in cricket is looking closely at every part of the game's existing structure, whether the balance between the one-day and balance between the one-day and the three-day game is right, and so on. Meanwhile, we must organize it properly at all levels; make sure the coaching is done; introduce every fund-raising scheme possible with modern opportunities. To oversee this and make sure the club operates efficiently—that is my role."

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Older MCC and Middlesex members may remember Mr Burridge's father. Fred Burridge, a left-handed all-rounder who bowled medium-fast and was on the Lord's ground staff before he went to play in various leagues in Lancasbire and the north-east. The Burridges were originally a Shoreditch family but moved to Sunderland when the father was appointed groundsman at Roker-Park, home of Sunderland FC.

Alan Burridge's ability as a Alan Burridge's ability as a forceful left-handed barsman took him into the Durham side in 1961 and he played for them until

1973, when he had two seasons with Lincolnshire. Since 1975 he has represented Herifordshire. At different times after national service with the RAF he was a selesman for a publisher of educational books; a student as well as a lecturer in physical education; he worked two years in a bank; he was deputy director at Newark of one of the first sports, ceptres; and he has been a teacher, at Enfield Grammar School.

In 1973 he was in the Minor Counties XI that played the West Indian; in a three-day game at Torquay. His two special match awards came within five weeks of each other in 1972; he made 75 awards came within hive weeks of each other in 1972: he made 76 for Minor Counties North against Derbyshire at Derby in the Benson and 95 for Durham against Oxford-shire at Cowley in the Gillette. He was a member of the Hertford-thire result that sained a famous shire team that gained a famous Gillette win at Hitchin against Essex in 1976. As a young man he played centre forward for Goteshead shortly after they lost their place in the fourth division. place in the fourth division.

Mer Burridge's duties as Middlessex secretary will clearly limit his own cricker in the future, with the occasional game of golf or squash likely to take its place. At squash likely to the life place. At the moment he is recovering from a coach crash near Milan in February during a skiing holiday, when he suffered depressed frac-tures of several facial bones and had to have two operations. But it has not stopped him planning for his new responsibilities.

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allesteros does his own people oud but Pinero takes lead

riano Ballesteros is back his own people and he did proud today. His 68 at de Hierro was not the score—a compatrior, Pinero, went one better. mpie, but he showed then is in form and that he is

of playing well inside is well as nutside it. te end of the day Spaniards the first three places in a nent which only two have ever won. Leading tish contingent on 70, three behind the leader, were and King

and King. had roped the course in honour, not in of thousands but the hundreds they are ig by the end of the week

The two or three hundred who followed him today were true aficionados, but after Ballesteros had scored a birdie on the first green from 20ft ir seemed as though they were expecting him to do the same at every other hole. For a time there seemed no reason why be should not; he nearly holed again on the 11th, his second hole, played a dream of a hunker shot from the shallow lin right across the green at the 12th, and found the 10-yard gap between bunkers guarding the 13th green with his driver.

He kept us entertained with a variety of wonderful shots but he was not there to give us a firework display but to win his first major tournament in his own

major tournament in his own country. His record on this course is good, for he has finished third and ninth in the past two years, his lowest round being 66, but hitherto he has always been fighting fatigue. It was reassuring to see him driving 50 well—he finished with a vast one, straight

and 40 yards aread or balocul, but the South African, although outgunned, was not outclassed, and at one hule, although left far behind off the tee, scored the only birdie of the three. Lyle for a time looked as though he was going to get into a matchplay situation with Ballesteros, twice taking three from the edge in the early stages. He was in danger of doing so again but saved his par with a long putt and shook off the passing mood. His second dine was erratic—he took three putts for a six at a long hole and dropped two at the short sixth—but he holed out of a bunker for an eagle at the fifth and finished with two birdies.

Pinero had much the same kind of round he had once in Rome last week, filled with putts of such a length that he preferred to express them in metres. The longest was about 40ft, there was one of 30ft to save par, and two By Michael Phillips
Grundy and Star Appeal, two of
the stallions currently standing on
the National Stud near Newmarket,
can afford to hold their heads
tilgh. Their first crops are now
three-year-ulds and yesterday
members of those crops won the
two principal races at Epsom, the
Princess Elizabeth Stakes and the
Warren Stakes, Grundy's daughter. Warren Stakes. Grundy's daughter, Bay Street, booked her ticket back to Epsom in June for the Oaks when she stayed on strongly to win the Princess Elizabeth Stakes and record her sire's first success in a group rate.

down the funnel of the ninth, and missed only two fairways, one of them the 18th, which ended hopes that a two-shot comparison between him and Lvie could be made at that 600-yard hole. Lyle is longer than Bullesteros now, and long may it remain that way, for we do not want the Spaniard, with his new control off the tee, to start a driving competition with him.

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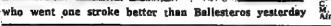
Eallesteros was occasionally 15 yards behind Lyle and occasionally 40 yards ahead of Baiocchi, but the South African, although

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est was about 40ft, there was one of 30ft to save par, and two or three more of about 12ft. But good luck to him; these are not easy greens to read.

The advantages of being a hero in your own country (not universally so yet, but they are working on it) is that if your ball lands in the crowd it will get good treatment. Ballesteros, having hit is bunker shot thin at the eights. his bunker shot thin at the eighth, was in trouble over the back of the green and scuttled the ball the green and scuttled the ball to the top of the bank, where it would probably have stayed; but on reaching the top he found the hall on the green. Innocent faces all round, and the kind of luck that has happened to hundreds before. He made inquiries but there was nothing he could do about it, so he capitalized on it by holing from 18th for his par.

SCORES: 87: M. Pinare (Spain). 38: 5. Balletteras (Spain). 70: N. Price (Spain). 71: M. Rivere Spain). 8. N. Job (GB). M. Montes (Spain). N. Frido (GB). M. Montes (GB). G. Massen (GB). P. Louley (GB). C. Massen (GB). P. Louley (GB). M. Green (GB). M. Massey (GB). M. Green (GB). M. Balcechi (South Africa). N. Burch (GB). driving from Lester Piggott, Bay Street ran on strongly to snatch the spoils when only a second or rwo earlier, all scemed lost. . Star Appeal may have been dis-missod as something of a joke horse after he had won the Arc de Triomphe and the Eclipse Stakes, somewhat surprisingly, in 1975 but the fact remains that his runners have done well from



For the record

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Football

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Basketball

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Magri, Britain's Euroeight champion, defends against Giovanni Came Italian champion, and liven, the "skeleton" es, puts up his British nonwealth titles against eeney, from Hartlepool, could be yet another ing Marvin Hagler, of the United States. The Anglo-Italian flavour in London lasts until July 12, when Maurice Hope defends his world light-middleweight title against Rocco Matdoli, the Italian-born Australian from whom he took the title. The winner will have to meet Carlos Herrers, of Argenting, within 60 days, the World Boxing Council have ruled. MATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Eastery Conference championship: Philadelphili 76-ers 10, Boston Celtide 97 170-ers lead best of seven teries 2—11. West-ern Conference championship Lead Angeles Lawrs 10 8 Sewille Seper-aomics 90 (series leval 1—1).

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la Macgregor Morris entries, from 11 nations, est the accord Toyota nal dressage champion-Goodwood House, today the weekend. Belgium; Deumark, France, West the Netherlands, Japan, the United States, and lustria and Finland, will ented. The home side, been restricted because ented. The nome suc, them restricted because its of the international cludes Jennis Loriston-ho won a bronze medalorld championship here ago, Sarah Whitmore, on, and Tanya Larrigan crmediare this afternoon to be successful the succ crmediare this afternoon together the grand prix ho will compete in the went on Saturday afterthe 12 best performers the Grand Prix Special y-morming. Cindy Neale lada returns to defend on Martyr and Equus, my Bonnello, and West leading professional, leading professional, leodorescu, takes on six th riders and Denmark's prix team. lay afternoon the Toyota day afternoon the Toyota tx Free-ttyle, ridden to fill be judged by Robin among others, who will be performances in terms lesthetic appeal—a novel, beauty being in the eye wholder, but one which be less controversial than the decisions arrived at

Snooker

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Mountjoy puts in run of nine frames

be quite a few Italians, and a lot of Welshmen, adding to the tour-

of Weistmen, adding to the tourist crush.

There will be no live or

"delayed" British television. The
show will be televised live by
ABC to Europe, and North and
South America. All this American
television interest means "a very
subsantial" amount of money for

Miner. The Briton has \$150 received an excellent offer from Germany to defend next against Frank Wissenbach and he will most

probably take it up before meet-

Doug Mountjoy reached the last 16 of the World professional championship, sponsored by Embassy, in Sheffield on Wednesday night by beating Cliff Wilson 10-6 in an all-Welsh first round match. Mountjoy, the Welsh professional champion, trailed 4-1 at one stage, but a winning burst of mine frames out of 11 eventually took him to a convincing victory. He also a convincing victory. He also recorded a break of 104, only the second century of the champion-

ships.

Jim Wyach (Canada) reached the second round by beating John Pulman 10-5 and last night the world champion. Terry Griffiths, made his first appearance against Steve Davis in a second round match while Alax Higgins met the South African, Perrie Mans.

While Thorne (Leicester) led the Canadian. Bill Werbeniuk, 5-4 after winning the last two frames of the first session yesterday. He made a break of 97 in the minth frame. the nimh frame.

Kirk Stevens, Canada's 21-yearold World Cup player, soon converted his 9-3 overnight lead into
victory over Graham Miles in their
first round meeting. Stevens made
breaks of 34 and 32 in scoring a
10-3 win in the only frame necessary vesterday. His next opponent among others, who will
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Hockey

Dutch corners may prove troublesome By Joyce Whitehead

Great Britain women's team, in Germany for a three-day quandrangular tournament, play the Netherlands at the Netherland Rockey Centre, Cologne, today and Ireland meet West Germany. The Netherlands Guerran world cham-Ireland meet West Germany. The Netherlands, current world champtoms, were beaten 2—1 by England three weeks ago. However Great Britain though including the best players in the home countries, get very little match play and today's game will be the first for the party selected at the end of March.

first for the party selected at the end of March.

It will be at corners in the Netherlands' favour that trouble may arise, If the Dutch set piece works it can be undefendable, so accurate is the initial hit and hand stop, and so bard and ruthless the shot at goal. But if Great Britain can keep out of trouble in their defending circle, goals at the other end are a distinct possibility.

The inclusion in the Great Britain party of Barbara Holden (Northamptonshire) has deprived England under-23 of one of their best half backs for their two matches this weekend in Southampton against a young West German team. Her place will be taken by Susan Corley (Gloucestershire). Lesley Ashton (Cheshire) is not available

Chelmsford, in Leningrad, and Penarth, in Vienna, have qualified as two of the eight teams to compete in the final rounds of the European clubs championship in Barcelona over the Whitsuntide



Squire Yarrow (left), president of the Amateur Athletic jation, and the Marquess of Exeter at the unveiling of a plaque le Randolph Hotel, Oxford, yesterday to commemorate the nary of the AAA's inaugural meeting there.

New team event for top jockeys

By Michael Philips
Racing Correspondent
It was announced at Epsom yesterday that Chivas Regal are to sponsor the first international team competition in the United Kingdom between the top jockeys of Britain and the United States. It is hoped that the match, which will take place at Sandown Park on October 22 for the Chivas Regal Trophy, will become annual instead of a one-off affair, although for the time being the Jockey Club have sanctioned only the first. They want to see how it develops.

The match will feature the top five jockeys in Britain and America. The teams will each compete in three consecutive races over five furlongs, a mile, and a mile and three-quarters. All three races will be limited handicaps, with a 21th weight range from 8st 7th to 10st, with qualification ratings being adverdeed

in a group race.

She may have been a trifle lucky to beat her stable companion, Missed Blessing, who changed her legs and hung on the camber only 100 yards from the line but the fact remains that she acted on the trust.

track whereas the runner-up did not. Adaptability is often the name of the game, Under strong driving from Lester Piggott, Bay

runners have done well from limited opportunities and I know that his son, Try Sandictiffe, is thought capable of going on to even better things by his trainer, Barry Hills.

Yesterday Try Sandicliffe galloped on really strongly to put Major Gundry and Paradise Bay firmly in their place. Afterwards Hills was understandably elated at

appearance money for each of the 10 runners, with £350 for the two to runners, with 2,30 for the two chosen reserves. As all the races will be handloops, it is hoped that the matching will be as even as possible. The jockeys and their mounts will be decided by a ballot supervised by the Jockey Club the previous Saturday.

It has already been decided that the home team will comprise Joe Mercer, the current champion jockey; Lester Piggott, Pat Eddery, Willie Carson (all former champions) and Brian Taylor. The former jockey and current commentator, Jimmy Lindley, will manage the British team. The American team will consist of Steve Cauthen and Willie Shoemaker, who are well known here already, and Jorge Velazquez, Angel Cordero and Laffit Pincay.

tion from tirst in last towards the teams' points total.

The jockey winning each race will carn 10 points for his team, with nine going to the second and eight to the thurd, continuing to the last in the same ratio. The winners of the trophy will be the team with the largest aggregate of points and will be revarded to the tune of £100 per point. The sponsors said that whereas there are long established international team competitions in other sports such as the Ryder Cup, there was none in racing, and they felt it was high time that that hole was plugged. We can only hope that our team are more successful than those in many other spheres.

This novel event has been the

At Sendown Park today Hills

and his stable jockey, Steve Cauthen, should begin where they left off yesterday by winning the Juvenile Fillies Stakes with

Sybaris was besten by the highly tried Bold Wood but not by far. Indeed I would back Sybaris to beat Bold Wood the next time they

managing director of United Racecourses, under whose financial umbrella Sandown shelters, and the stewards of the Jockey Club, who have agreed to modify certain rules to enable it to take place. Yesterday Neligan paid tribute to the Jockey Club. "I could not be more grateful to them." he said.

This fits in with the belief that the stewards are determined to see racing promoted as a spectator sport. Critics of the promotion will point out that apart from Cauthen and Shoamaker the American team will have little or no experience of racing around a right-handed course. They go left-handed in the United States, and will not be allowed in ride at Sandown the previous day. However, I balleve they will adapt to the situation if they are only half as good as their reputations would have us believe, just as their golfers do whenever they grace our links.

Bay Street runs on to book return ticket to Epsom

to have fathomed his right distance. Last season Brittain ran Laska Floko over distances ranging from a mile to a mile and a half. By Thatch, who was a miler at the outside (he did win the July Cup over six furiongs) and out of a mare by Alcide who was a stayer, Laska Floko has a pedigree which falls between two stalls. In the circumstances 10 furlongs, which is the distance

a pengree which last between two stalls, in the circumstances 10 furlongs, which is the distance of today's race, would seem to be his ideal Piggott, who rides Ringgit, arguably Laska Floko's most dangerous rival, has a better chance of winning the Tudor Stakes on Prince Judger who has taken our Newmarket correspondant's eye time and time again this apring. Prince Judger is trained by Michael Stoute and I know he has been pleased at the way that this American-hred coit has been going on the Heath recently. In spite of the fact that Prince Judger has never run he should afill prove ton good for both Brilliant Fellow and One Fleet Street.

Street.
French invasion: Nureyev, the hot favourite for the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on May 3, Guineas at Newmarket on May 3, will be flown to England next Wednesday, Desmond Stoneham writes. The coit will leave Beauvals airport on board a private charter and will be shipped to Cambridge before being driven to the Suffolk racecourse. Firyal, Pom Poes and Dellear, who all contest the 1,000 Guineas on May 1, will have niready taken the same routs a day earlier. They will be accompanied by Wild Cats, who contests the Jockey Club Stakes next Thursday. Wild Oats Stakes next Thursday. Wild Oats finished second to Obratszovy in the same event last year.

3.35 GUILDFORD STAKES (Handicap: 1m 6f: £1,830)

401 2340-00 Jandi (J. Backley), P. Milchell, 4-10-0, P. Edderv 403 00 Ladbrokes Leisure (Sinano Binodylock), D. Kerl, 4-1-11

103 06 Labbokes Leisure Sinane Sinodylock: D. Keet. R. Muddle 107 02302-3 Mobie Heir : W. Ponyanby: P. Cinic. 5-4-1 R. Muddle 1310-035 Shash (Makleum Al Malinum: C. Benatead, Nat-2 S. Rousell 110 01900-0 Tru Mar (C.) (Exors of the late W. Kingsley: R. Armeuron 111 2033-00 Fidihus (R. Sang-jer: R. Hills, 3-8-12 ... L. Pingoni Lapicolina (H. Thomson: P. M. Taylor: 1-8-11 ... N. Move 111 130404- Abialis (1-d) Taylor: Lidr. C. Huffer, 1-4-5 ... W. Miller 12122-2 Abialis (1-d) Taylor: Lidr. C. Huffer, 1-4-5 ... M. Miller 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 S. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 S. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 S. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 S. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 S. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 S. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 S. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 S. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 S. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 S. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 R. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 R. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 R. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 R. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 R. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 R. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 R. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 R. France, 111 110400- Rushmere (C.D.) (Mrs. P. Segal: R. Atkins, 7-7-12 R. France, 111 110400- Rushmere, 111 11040

5-2 Noble Heir, 4-1 Shasb, 11-2 La Piccolina, 6-1 Tru Mer, 6-1 Abiolis, Popal's Joy, 10-1 Jond, 12-1 Quite Right, 20-1 others.

4.10 APRIL STAKES (3-y-o maiden fillies: 1m 2f: £2,530)

On.

Annarise :T Cov., A. Pill, 8-11

Baridi :M. Wicham-Boynion : H Coci, 8-11 :

Suele Sound :Mirk J Hindley : J. Hindley R-11 :

Coco Character Girl (D. Smyth : P Witchell, H-11 :

Choike Valley :Mrs R. Kenhard : W. Wig-uman, 8-

042- Mourndyke (G. Green), R. Aikins, 8-7-10 R. Fox 11

Capper Beeches (D) W. Greenbaumt, L. Holl, 6-4

Sarique (D) Wr. P. Savary, P. Walwyn, R-1 P. Eddery
Lunar Eclipte (D) W. Tanimolo, J. Walw, R. J. Migome 1A
Mindblowing (D) IMrs P. Crown, N. Adam, 8-2 J. Reid 19
Manilow (D) 1A Leader, B. Swill, 7-12 M. L. Thomas
Manna Batic, Essa Alikalifat, R. Annarong, 7-12 W. Carson 14
Woolcana (D) (G. Bosiry, R. Hannun, 7-7 A. McGlove 6
Thomsons Melosy (D) (J. Dyson), J. Saichlie, 7-7, R. Mills 7
Harabell (D) IJ, Fenwick, P. Cundell, 7-7 W. Newnes 8

7-2 Two Rock, 4-3 Rugle Sound, 11-2 Water Dance, 5-1 Youchesty, 7-1 Zoll others, 20-1 Sterry, 10-1 High Call, Baridi, 12-1 Fumarella, 20-1 others.

11-4 Sarigue, 7-2 Copper Beeches, 9-2 Charles Street, 6-1 Earmark, R-1 Calculot, 10-1 Sayyai, 12-1 Sir Samuel, Manilow, 16-1 others,

2 100000- Paducah (D) (C. H. Newign Jun, Ltd., 7, Fairhurst, 4-4-9 2 340200- Mountain Gorge (D) 1R. Johnston: T. Rarnes, 4-4-9 M. Sarnes, 7

10 00- Reppin Castle (D) 1313 J. Commun. E. Marshall of 11 44200-0 Miss Cindy (D) (S. Strubel), J. Etherington, 5-8-11 J. Scarge of 1-3 J. Sca

20 0200-100 Weish Piper (D) 17. Kenny, A. Broit, 5-7:7 K. Leason A. 100-50 Overn's Pride, 4-2 Carpet General, 5-1 Gibbon, 6-1 Miss Cindy, 8-1. Paducah, 12-1 Miss Mirabelle, 14-1 Running Jump, Cumnock Scottes, 14-1.

Inishbofin (G. Richards, Richards, 3-11-7 ... 3. Segrato Rejuvenator (G. Broadhurst), G. Richards, 4-9-7 D. Dodd 7 Chancer's Last (D. Lloyd), J. Walts, 4-9-3 ... M. Birch Another Concration (A. Ward), G. Harwood, 5-8-13 King Hustley (A. Clegn), P. Cole, 5-8-10 ... G. Starkey

King Hustler IA. Clognt, P. Cole, S.-R.10 G. Starley 10
Rag Bancer (Mrs W. Fletcher) W. Elsey, S.-8-10 G. Bertter 12
Atlantic Traveller (C. Colding, J. W. Watts, S-8-5 E. Ride
Carouser (G. Recd), C. Thornton, S.-8-5 W. Kingham 1
Carouser (G. Recd), C. Thornton, S-8-5 W. Retherley 1
Cectonic (R. McAlcine, J. Flindler, S-8-5 W. R. Kingherley 1
Glenvara (Li-Col R. Taylor), M. Jarris, S-8-5 B. Raymond 9
Seisdon Park (Captain M. Lomos), C. Brittain, S-8-5

12 302110- Miss Mirabelle (D) (Lord Walpole), G. P. Gordina.

5.0 HENSHAW STAKES (£1,333 : 11m 60yd)

1 Brave Follow (£D) : Mrs A. Mears I. J. Filip@reald.

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100005- Pausen,
340200- Mountain Gorge (D) (R. Johnston), T. Berney,
32233-1 Queen's Pride (Mrs L d'Ambrumenil), P Cole, 4-9-6 errer 3 2

C Zawawii A. Johnson, 7-0-3 ... T. Rogers 1

4.30 OTTERBURN HANDICAP (£1,777 : 7f)

4.45 ATHLONE STAKES (Handicap: 3-y-o: 5f: £2,285)

601 12300-0 Sir Samuel (D) (Dr G. Norman-Williams), 5. Wondman.

Navigational Aid should find his way home

By Michael Seely
Navigational Aid can give Bill
Watts his first success in this
afternoon's most valuable race at
Newtastle, the £12,500 XYZ
Handicap. Edward Hide, a jockey
in form, will be on board Major
John Shaw's home-bred threeyear-old who has won his first
two races this season, at Ayr and
Ripon.
This is always a teugh race to
win. It often falls to well-bred
coits who were lightly-raced as
two-year-olds. Mount Athos, who
went on to firish third to Sir
fvor in the 1958 Derby, was a
typical extinple. The two who
might come into this category are
Into Action and Conan Doyle.
Into Action cost \$370,000 as a
two-year-old, Jeremy Hindley gave
the American colt only one race

into Action cost \$370,000 as a two-year-oid. Jeremy Hindley gave the American colt only one race last season when he bear North by a neck at Newmarket. This form is not working out too well, but Into Action won with something in hand and is sure to improve.

Conan Doyle hails from the stable of Paul Cole. An expensive purchase as a yearling, the Derring-Do colt has not been seen out since winning at York's July meeting. Previously Conan Doyle had finished a close fourth to Marathon Gold in the Fenwolf Stakes at Ascor. Of the others with form this season Fine Sun ran well when third to Good Information at Thirsk. However, in an open race Navigational Aid is sure to give his backers a good run for their money.

The Henshaw Stakes is another competitive race. Cole runs his Warwick wioner, King Hustler, and Jimmy FitzGeraid bis useful hurdler, Brave Fellow, who won his first race on the Flat on this track recently.

Bill Elsey's Rag Dancer, who

track recently.

Bill Elsey's Rag Dancer, who created a 25 to 1 surprise when successful at Nottingham this month, ran a stout-hearted race. when runner-up to Sacrilege, at Ripon. Credit Centre was noted finishing well when third to Right Diamond at Leicester. But Another Generation, the conqueror of Brave Reef, at Kempton, is the choice to give Guy Harwand his choice to give Guy Harmod his eighth victory of the season. At Pontefract yesterday John Winter and Brian Taylor had their

Winter and Brish laylor to distinct first successes of 1980 when John. O'Grosts made most of the running in the first qualifier of the Webster's Pennine Mile Chamitantia pionship.
Hide went to the head of the jockeys' table when partnering Westacombe to a comfortable victory in the Spring Maiden Stakes. Hide has ridden 18 wigners.

Sandown Park programme

2.00 JUVENILE STAKES (2-y-o maiden fillies: 5f: £1,780)

One-way street: Bay Street (right) drives home to win the

At this moment, Hills thinks Sybaris. At Newmarket last week sufficiently highly of Try Sandi-cliffe to say that be has already tried Bold Wood but not by far.

that entails the Chester Vase at met on a straight and flet course.

Princess Elizabeth Stakes from Missed Blessing

Sparkling Lady (B. Poskin), B. Swift, 8-11 . . M. L. 71 O Super Hostess (Miss A. Whitfield), R. Hannon, 8-11 14 2 Syberis (R. Bonnytsseller, R. Hills, S-11 S. Cauthen 5 7-4 Syberis, 5-1 Quest, 9-2 Lady Westleigh, 7-1 La Clinetic, 10-1 Sparisling Lady, 13-1 Stream, 14-1 Super Hostons, 20-1 others.

21R 0 One Fleet Street (L. Freedman) P. Walwyn, S-11 P. Fliwer's Prince Judger (S. Zilkha, M. Stotte, R-11 ... L. Fligutt 12 270 C- Prince Sandre (Mr. W. Solke, R. Houghton, R-11 J. Held 13 270 Rose Steer (J. Slyles) A Ingham, S-R P. Langirey 6 3-2 Prince Judger, 3-1 One Fleet Street, 9-2 Brillant Fellow, 6-1 Altred Müner, R-1 Molon Lave, 10-1 Prince Sandro, 12-1 Another Sam, 20-1 others.

3.05 SANDOWN CUP (Handicap: 1m 2f: £3,739) 303 3002-01 Lasks Flote (D) (Capl M. Lemos), C. Brittsin, 1-9-1 301 040112 Ringelt (D) (U. Wijewardene), R. Armstrong, 1-8-11 305 433213- Wearmouth (CD) (T. Parlington), W. Wightman, 3-8-7

Sandown Park selections By Our Racing Correspondent

2.0 Sybaris. 2.30 Prince Judger. 3.5 Laska Floko. 3.35 Noble Heir. 4.10 Water Dance. 4.45 Sarigue. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 La Glinette. 2.30 Prince Judger, 3.5 Ringgit. 3.35 Abielle. 4.10 Baridi. 4.45 Anna Baric.

Newcastle programme

2.30 EARSDON HANDICAP (Apprentice: £1,041: 1m)
1 100-00 After Shave (B) 18. Collingwood', K. Stone.

13 G0490-3 Northern Magic (A.T.S. Air Charter Ltd.), M. Ryan. 3-7-8. B. Crossley.

3.0 RIDSDALE STAKES (Selling: 3-y-0: £837: 1m)

2.45 (2.47) SPRING MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: 5f; £741) WESTACOMBE, b or hr f by Hunterombe-Ansient 1 Vestmore 1 Mean 1 1 Me 1-at. M. Camarino, at lancemer.
5.15 (3.17) CORM MARKET HANDICAP (seiling: 1'am: £638)
BLACK PIRATE, bi c by Barbary
Pirate—five Faivy (D. Tucker),
3-8-0 ... R. Carant (6-1: 1
Miss Kowalt ... C. Dwyer (8-1: 2
Miss Mops ... M. Birch (11-1) 3
ALSU PAN (3.1 Sonn Charge (1-1) 3 Miss Mops ... M. Birch (17-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 Some Cherry (12v)
Q. IFRANK Stewart, 11-1 Phidem, 13-1
Bally and Regal 20-1 lock in ... 2-1
Tree Tose, As. I Wish, Exporth;
Thagsry, 14 ran.
TOTE: win, 38p; places, 11p, 18p,
35p, drast F. 89p, 35F: 25 20 81, 1y,
R. Sturdy, at Schickery Winner sold to Mr G. H. Ratchiffs for 1,200 grap.

3.45 (3.30) WEBSTER'S PENNINE
MILE CHAMPIONSHIP Lst qualifier;
Ay-0: ELSO.
JOHN O'GROATS b c by Weish
Pageanl-Romany (D Pronn)
9.0 (E. Taylor) 13.2 (cm.) ALSO RAN: 13-2 Air de Danue, 12-1 Mount Parusaste, 14-1 Pipes, 16-1 Strathdearn (4th: 20-1 Frum Foundations, 25-1 Sovereign Tower, 33-1 Ambarea, Fearless Flight, High Loader, Just Whatton, Liteable Fells, Wardsoff, Whupor A Word, Alsade, Rose, Galaxine, Horkey, 19 ran, NR Jack Rat, TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 10p, 11p, 21 50; dual foreast 32p, CSF; 58p, 5], 121. J. Winter, 4t Newmarket. 1.15 (4.18): BARBICAN HANDICAP 11-an: 61.113 TAMARIN FALLS Ch. C Mount Hagen—Taps Island Mrs J. D'Mortas 4-9-4 P. Cook 113-2 Emeraid Emporer C. Dwyr (16-1: 2, Benaralence . O. Gray (20-1: 3, A150 RAN 11-4 Nurose (Env. 2-2 Carvers Corah, 7-1 Bellscorey, Robort Adam 14th; 15-2 Same Time, 20-1 Ri Noom Happy Worker, Higham Grey, Welsh Fusilier, Sadebeb. 13 ran,

11. G. Hunter, at East Isloy.

4 45, 14.47, BUTTERCROSS HANDICAP

1.52-2-01, 21.806;

LADY SISTER, gr f, by Saritamer—

Soft Chinool, Or C. NormanWilliams, 8-2, Colquhoun, 14-2; 1

Walter Coborne, T. Lattas (7-4 fay) 2

Blue Jane A.N. 11-2 Curzon House

(4th), 9-1 lorishire Dancer, 14-7

Vana 16-1 Calmacutter, 20-1 Safford

Storme, Win 56p; places, 59p, 15p,

25p; dust f, 75p, CSF, £1-28, 51, 21-1.

I. Walker, at Newmarket. I. WARET, AT NEWBERGATE STARKS

1.2-y-0: 5f: £1.381;

HORNGASTLE, br. g. by SO Riossed
— Foxborn 15W.E: 1A. Fousiok;

R. B. T. 19es (evens, 1
Spladriffer C. Nuttor (5-1) 2

Merely Mezari B. 1ago (4-2) 3

ALSO RAN. 12-1 T. J. Chamilife.

20-1 Queen's Mercy, 25-1 Gally (4)h,
Mend Your Ways, 5-1 Tudorvine,
100-1 Cel. 6 ren. NR: Hanover Lad.

TOTE. Win, 14p: piaces, 10p. 12p.

20c: dust f. 26g. C.5f. 14p. Sh. hu.

Bl. W. Coorman, 4t Newmarket,

PLACEPOT. Wir, 57.60.



Hide: a jockey in form.



Results at Epsom

2 0 (3 3) WESTMINSTER STAKES

(2-y-3 cilles; M; E2-06);

(2-y-3 cilles; M; E2-06);

(4-y-4 cilles; M; E2-06);

(5-y-4 cilles; M; E2-06);

(6-y-4 cilles; M; E2-06);

(7-y-4 cilles; M; E2-06);

(8-y-4 cilles; M; E2-06);

(8-y-4 cilles; M; E2-06);

(8-y-4 cilles; M; E2-06);

(9-y-4 cilles; M; 2.30, (3.41): CROWN PLUS TWO APPRENTICE STAKES (Handicap: Round 3: 71 11y4: 12,313)

5.5 (3.9) PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES (Group 3; 5-y-o filles; im 110yd; £10,222)

110yd: 210,222;

**EAY STREET b f, by Grundy—
Gidding (Oreante Lini 9-9

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Mide the Key, J. Seld 14-1; 2

ALSO RAN: 9-3 Elecation 12avi

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Maid. Xian. 33-1 Finlandia 8 ran y

TOTE: Win. 51p; places, 14p; 37, 11pin, 46-78er. Nk. 1*4. R. Johnson

Houghton, at Didcot.

Augustin, at Didcot.

3.35 (3.39) Ladbrokes Sprint Handicap (5f: \$2,721)

Susarma, sr c. by Tudor Grossmani Moog (R. Dikkon), 4-9-6

Mani Moog (R. Dikkon), 4-9-6

Salvima (S. L. Diggotti 19-2 (8v) 1

Ferrymse (S. L. Diggotti 19-2 (8v) 1

Ealvima (S. L. Diggotti 19-2 (8v) 1

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Laidher (10-1 Lord Scrap, Machan On, 14-1 Meritous St Terramat, 16-1

Offis's Mead (Oncen's Bidder, Torbay Express, 25-1 Ongnium Major, Sunerb Lady, Thillps, 35-1 Hanovis Gold, Antique Bloom (Crews Hill (4th), 18

733 Antique Biosen.
TOTE: Win. 346: places, 18p. 51p.
29p. 68p: dual forecast, £3.17. C.SF:
£4.67. 55.21acc. Rd. 11. A.
Breasley, at Epsom. 4.10 (4.12) WARREN STAKES (3-y-0 Try Sandicliffe, ch.c. by Star Appeal—Peral Pive Sandicliffe Motor Group: 8-12

Major Group: 8-12

Major Group: 8-12

Paradia Ray ... W. Carson (9-4) 3

Also Sandicliffe Star Solidaria Green.

3-1 Bazzio 4th 550-1 Pianoso. 6 ren.

70 TE: Win. 550-1 Pianoso. 6 ren.

10 TE: Win. 550-1 Pianoso. 6 ren.

4th 550-1 C.5F: 560. Imin dual servess. 8 s. S. W. Huis, at Lambourna.

40.1586C. 21. St. B. W. Hulls, at lambourns.

4.45 (4.49) APRIL MANDICAP (5-y-0 filles: In 1109; £2.460.

MISS RAFFLES, br f, by Green God-Saint Mildred (1 Paket), 7-10... D. McKeown (15-2) T. Eaby Clair . S. Catilhen (10-1) 2 Hackbrack Helen's W. Newhes (16-1: 3 Hackbrack Helen's W. Newhes (16-1: 3 ALSO RAN- 7-4 Bittarnaint (7av), 9-2 Depict, 11-2 Love Nupreme (4th), 9-2 Depict

Taunton



ard Woodhouse, in the guise of the

Sendicliffe Motor Group of Lough-borough. As many a married man will gladly testify, it is always nice to keep the in-laws happily in

mapped out a programme for him

507 12040-6 Side Track (B) : Mrs C, Bellairs: , G, P-Gordon, 4-5 Dolfield 508 242420- Beit-Tent (D) : W. Wightman: , Wightman: , 9-8-5 P, Fodery 2 510 010-040 Gelectial Gam (C,D) : J. Bigg: , R. Rollinghed, 6-8-0 WR, Sembut 5 SII 040000- Racioford (Countryclass), J. Old, 4-8-0, Matchias 6 15-8 Ringsit; 7-4 Lasks Fioko, 4-1 Cunard, 6-1 Side Track, 10-1 Wearmouth, 12-1 Bell Tent, 20-1 othors.

1 700-00 After Shave (D) IE. Collingwoosi, K. mione, Indiana 3400003 34000 5-1 Northern Magic. 4-1 Hard Held, 9-2 Copper Tinself, 6-1 Sim 8-1 After Shave, 10-1 Spanish Handful, 12-1 Wahed, 14-1 pthers.

4.0 BLANCHLAND MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Maiden: 2-y-o: Fillies: £1,043: 5f)

13-8 Cleat 11-4 Attifs the Hen. 9-2 Holdall, 7-1 Aunty May, 8-1 Mercurial 10-1 Saint Rose, 12-1 Others.

Newcastle selections By Michael Seely 2.30 Copper Tinsell. 3.0 "C" Top. 3.30 Navigational Aid. 4.0 Cleat. 4.30 CARPET GENERAL is specially recommended. 5.0 Another Generation. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.30 Show of Hands. 3.30 Into Action. 4.0 Cleat. 4.30 Miss Mirabelle. 5.0 Credit Centre.

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Why each country should pay some of the real cost of its surplus farm products

One sure way of putting a stop to the EEC 'follies'

The problems of Europe will not be solved in one crisis meeting existed.

Those dealing with Britain's contribution in isolation. The manner in which we seek to resolve the problems of Britain's contribution and return from the Community must make a positive demental issues that need to be the mutual defence of its allies. tackled if Europe is to achieve

The Community has already begun to benefit from the particulation created by an elected parliament. It will further benefit as Greece, Spain and Portugal become members. It Portugal become members. It has, however, now fundamentally to review the workings of Community policy where these have given rise to economic imhalance between member states in provide policies that advantage the poorest members most of all while at the same time reducing the evil of unemploy-ment which is growing through-

out the Community. This is the real challenge that faces the Community. Only by raining the problems of the 1980; as the original Community raived the problems of the 1960s will it create a feeling of helonging and purpose among the ordinary people of the 12 nations that it will bind to-

When we look at Europe we must remember that the Community is established for political purposes and policies must be progressively devised which will meet them as well as more short-term economic issues. Although Britain is talked of with much sorrow in the rest of the Community, some of us will re-call that had Britain not stood firm for Europe in the face of French disarray in the 1950s, and by the Treaty of Brussels committed itself to stationing

could never have

Those commitments by Britain have cost us monies across the exchanges which this year will total something like £800m. No other country other than the United States spends money so freely across the exchanges for

The amount we spend in Germany each year to the benefit of their economy is almost as much as the total of our deficit with the Community as a whole and represents the loss of tens of thousands of jobs in the United Kingdom and a comparable gain to Germany.
It should not be forgotten

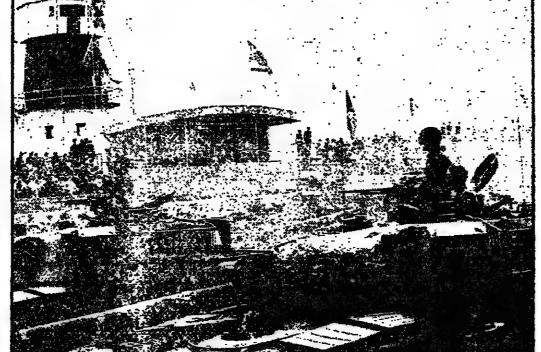
that when the French withdrew from the joint military com-mand of Nato they breached the spirit of the Treaty of Brussels and since that time our commitment has in truth been a voluntary one from one of the poorest of the countries western Europe.

We cannot for long have a Community that over-subsidizes agriculture, does little for the unemployed and treats defence as if it does not exist.

Britain and West Germany

should each meet a quarter of the Deutsche mark costs of the British Army of the Rhine, but the other half should be met the other half should be met from Community funds. Britain should be required to use half these refunds to improve its naval and air force equipment and to use the balance to re-duce its budget nearer to that of its European neighbours. Greece, Portugal and

Spain become members, the Community should without replacing any Nato functions accept the historical responsibility that Britain once had as the paymaster of Europe. All three countries suffer from un-employment. All should make a contribution to western Euro- countries in proportion to their



ity should equip and finance additional forces provided by them for deployment on the boundaries of the Community. If these steps were taken and Belgium, the Netherlands and Denmark made a more reasonable defence contribution pro-portionate to their wealth, this would release some of the British and American manpower beyond stationed in Europe and enable them to make a more positive

naval and aviation defence of Europe as a whole. The provision of the funds for this should be then a sep-arate budget levied on member

would ensure that the general critically.

The maximum cost involved would be less than one-fifth of 1 per cent of gross national product and there should be a ceiling fixed in such terms which expenditure could not increase

Because Britain economy radically different from the rest of the Community. there can be no resolution of the issue of equitable contribution to and receipts from the Community on a temporary basis. Any scheme has to envistroops in Germany, the very a contribution to western Euro- countries in proportion to their basis. Any scheme has to envis-basis for creating the Com- pean defence and the Commun- national income. Its existence ago that as long as the United

would not only provide a new kingdom has a gross national bond within the Community but product below that of the Comproduct below that of the Com-munity on average, she should enjoy a mechanism that gives her a return on her contributions, and a return of her underreceipts from Community expenditure, provided half of such returns are spent in a way that will be of direct benefit to the Community members as a

> When the European mone tary system was proposed two years ago Britain was con-cerned that joining it would result in the possibility of over valuing sterling to our economic detriment. Since that time with sterling developing as a petrocurrency the arguments are all

The British Army of the Rhine: half the cost of keeping the force could be met from Community funds

Joining the EMS would certainly tend to hold down the value of sterling in present circumstances. Moreover, ex-perience to date has already EMS does not prevent counfrom revaluing or devaluing their currency as the need arises. Britain should agree to join the EMS on the basis of devaluing sterling by about 5 per cent from its current level and should start following fiscal policies at home that positively reduce inflation while progressively bringing sterling down to a more realistic level

No satisfactory relationship can exist between Britain and the rest of the Community while the CAP exists in its present form. The recent example of Britain demanding subsidy for its over valued currency shows that any govern-ment will demand extra re-

The CAP has all the dis-advantages of a monopoly system financed by someone

monetary compensation for the change in the enternal value of the currency. Monetary Compensation Ammounts (MCAs) should be progressively abolished As a first step no-compensation should be paid for the first 3 per cent. There-after only one-shird of any currency change by countries who revalue, and two-thirds by countries who devalue their currencies should be paid

MCAs are, however, only the icing on top of the fruit cake. The policy of stimulating agricultural production piling up of subsidies of other me surpluses; and deanaboling up of subsidies of other me gressively higher prices in between mations, states relation to world prices will go confederal parliament is on as long as the cost is met mental to any confeder by the Community as a whole term We have not got a and the national budget has system in Europe and C.

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The only way to reform the CAP is to insist that each country countings towards the Community has no buy as in community has no buy as in duce which cannot be sold. The community men has to pay the cost of the storage of such products and sustain the loss on the disposal of such surplus

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Roy Grant

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Getting the right Tory balance

The largest Conservative back-bench revolt so far this Parlia-ment took place on Tuesday when 45 MPs voted to insert a clause on secret ballots into the Employment Bill. This was a robellion by right-wingers the Cabinet. Previously there have been revolts by left-wing ackbenchers against right-wing Ministers. It all intensifies the impression of a party that is divided on both the front and

the back benches. How deep is the split? There the practical effects of specific policies. Would it be possible to enforce a requirement for secret ballots? If so, would that reduce the number of strikes? That kind of disagree-ment will always occur under eny administration, and is a do not object in principle to healthy sign in any party that these particular objectives so its members are thinking for among Conservatives at the moment by personality con-

There remain considerable misgivings about Mrs Thatcher personally, and about her style government, both within the Cabinet and among Conserva-tive MPs. Equally the epithet of "wets" which she has bestowed upon some of her col-leagues in Government and Parliament betokens a lack of respect for those with whom she disagrees. There is on both ides a lack of confidence not just in the judgment but also in the spirit in which the other

approaches the challenge of government today. This raises the third, and in some respects the most interest-ing point: the ideological divide. Mrs Thatcher and her closest associates see themseives as conducting a quiet revolution. They wish to estab-lish a system in which government plays a less active part in our lives in general and the economy in particular, takes a

Perhaps the most that Mrs Thatcher can realistically expect to achieve is to perform the historic Tory function of balancing

individuals to spend as they thought fit. This would involve, in other words, a return to the the market economy.

Her critics within the party upon absolutes that worries them in ideological terms. They

echo the words of Sir Ian Gilmour in his celebrated lecture on Conservatism to the Cambridge Union in Fefruary: A Tory, then, does not believe that any single economic doctrine or policy is capable wholly explaining guiding or predicting economic activity." Elsewhere in this lecture he remarked: "If you bave a system, you do not need balance and moderation. Your system is, by definition, right and you do not want to modify it, since that would make it

imperfect."
There is a philosophical or ideological distinction of some importance here. On the one side are those who are the heirs to at least the economic docliberalism, seeking to create or recreate an economic system based upon the principles of free competition. On the other are those who draw their inspiration from the Tory tradismaller proportion of the tion of balance, trying to apply national income for public the corrective to any fashion-expenditure and would leave able trend that threatens to go more money in the pockets of too far in any direction.

This distinction is of more than academic interest. The

difference in purpose and approach breeds mistrust and much as to the idea of creating balancers suspect the economic a new system of economic gov- liberals of being extremists throughout the post-war years, ernment. It is the emphasis pushing blindly sowerds an That may seem a modest ideological goal without care the complexity of economics. economic liberals regard the balancers as pussyfooting compromisers, for ever blunting the effective thrust of policy. But there is a paradox. What if the ideologues can provide no more than balance, and if

balance cannot be secured without the ideologues? There is no disagreement between them over the direction in which to move. "Two of the reasons why we have fallen so for behind most of our competitors", said Sir Ian in his Cambridge a large public sector and we have a good deal more governmental interference in the economy than most of them". He even agreed that too high a proportion of the country's resources were spent on the social we came into office had to be redressed not least because we simply could not afford to go

oh as we werd". conflict is, therefore, simply over the pace and the extent of change. One should always he careful not to accept

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policy, conjure up pages of

turgid speeches, columns of

statistics, weighty articles

the Kremlin is talking.

to assume that they can achieve what they proclaim. Whatever may be said by Mrs Thatcher. her colleagues, advisers or in-tellectual mentors, there is no possibility of returning to even a modified version of a nine-teenth century free market economy. The political pressures and institutional forces

are too greet.
The Government have made compromises aircady and will have to make more in the future which is not to suggest that there is a U-turn around the corner. It is just that it will not be possible to be quite as rigor-ous and radical in constructing a new system as some would like. What Mrs Thatcher is doing, and can be expected to or particular items of policy to correct the trend towards into conflicts of principle. The collectivism that has been the feature of government in Britain

task. But it is in fact immensely either for political realities or difficult to change even to a limited entent the assumptions and expectations according to which government has been conducted and a nation's life has been based for more than a quarter of a century. Special qualities are required. One of the criticisms of Mrs Thatcher that is heard from friend as well as fee is that she has a narrow range of sympathy. But it may be that only the singleness of purpose that comes from a narrow vision, the deterwho are spared from seeing too many sides to any question, can possibly turn this particular

If this is so, it means that the most that Mrs Thatcher can realistically expect to achieve is to perform the historic Tory function of balancing—and also that she, or someone like her, is more likely to fulfil this role than the balancers them-selves. So, even if reasonably successful, the ultimate fruits of Thatcherism should be more in accordance with the historic purpose of the Gilmourites than

It is not possible to live in Poons and be unawars of the Rajneesh Ashram, sittingsh Mr Levin's description in The Times of the orange-clad rivers" flowing to Rajneesh's talk at 7 am is applicable only in the immediate vicinity of Poona's most expensive hotel

the Blue Diamond, where Mr Levin perhaps stayed.

The Ashram is just round the corner from this hotel and the whole area (Koregaon, the site of one of the last battles fought against the Peshwas by the British in January 1818) is now a neopoyte colony. In other parts of town it is rare to see a Rajneeshi (a follower of Rajneesh).

Since the Ashram is a large social fact in Poona, most-people have an opinion about Mr Levin referred to the " air of hostility . . . among the Indians themselves (his italies). the tales of dark doings, with hints of sexual impropriety that such movements invariably attract" and the gossips out-side who "circulate their stories of dark deeds ". I have just spent a year

researching in Sanskrit at Poona university and I think Mr Levin has entirely failed to appreciate how fundamentally different Indian society is from English. Foreigners in India are in a very peculiar position with respect to caste. rich and powerful, or at least well connected, physically clean, and in many Ways we make the signs of being high caste. But we eat meat, even eat with either indiscriminately, accept water from anyone, drink alcohol and in several other ways align

ourselves with the lowest of untouchables. India's way of solving this problem is to make of us another caste: videshis or foreigners, and that name contains the phenomenon we are, much as a provincial Englishman might write off some odd behaviour from a tourist with, "He's foreign; he doesn't know any better".

However, by dressing in the other robes of a renouncer and wearing the necklace of rudrak-shi beads, the Raineeshis are asking to be judged by Indian standards. They place them-selves outside the comfortable videshi group and begin making the signs of being a sannyasin

An Indian view of the followers: of Rajneesh Ashram

Causing a scandal in Poona



Ecstasy: Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh and two of his followers

wanders homeless, dead to the world, seeking only enlightenment, and leading a life of the utmost personal discipline. There are still many such men in India and they are deeply venerated.

The trouble is Rajneeshis seem to come alive to the world as soon as they get to Poona. They are seen dining in all the most expensive restaurants, cating beef and drinking beer, and worst of all they are usually to couples, bugging in public, kissing, holding hands. This might sound tame stuff to a westerner but I can assure Mr Levin that only in one small area of the old city of Poona will he find Indian ladies be-

monk who has performed his having like that it public own funeral rites and now It is not that the residents wanders homeless, dead to the world, seeking only enlighten what goes on in the Ashram. (though of course they do): they are scandelized and offended by the "ordinary" behaviour of Rajmeskis out and about in town.

It is not possible to give in analogy that would conver the full power of the thing but imagine a group of very rich. Arab businessmen starting a church in London where they all dressed in Anglices mini-sters robes, with collars, went around arm in arm with their girl friends and had, services with pot and steak pie for wine. end bread. Wouldn't there be an outery? I think that in the

de not inner it Mr Levi eware of a major in levi eware of a major school in Poons run in lyongar (Lan not a major of this either). It is univer respected and the a storeign students behave to add to be public and are spoken of any to indian sensibilities. approval and regard. Any shaw driver would be ple to have their fare, where good friend of mine who dr a rickshaw said he would so times park near the Ash and watch the Rameeshis v sure of horrifled fascinar but secula never take them his cab for fear of police; Others swallow their pride : case feelings and take

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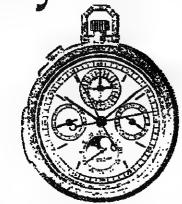
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There are many deeper quotes on which Mr Levin sho be taken to task, especially question of "no mind" well's "double-mink") her which so much intellectual moral subbish can hide the personality cult of Rajne himself, with his followers occupation with his body robes. "Simple" sandals, had baldness beard voice, fing left hand beard again, eyes marked feature of the Ash is the profition of photos is the profusion of photos Rameesh, now in this hat, in that

Finally there is the war question of Rajnessi's h methods, which seem, in st as they are serious at all, t based partly on a misiater tation of Preudian doct They are not typically ladi

- Dominik Wujasi

"Widely acclaimed," he conceded, "but scarcely well known."



He formed the words reluctantly, as though afraid "La. Grande Complication" might lose some of its aura through the mere suggestion of being famous.

Whilst, as I pointed out awareness of this extraordinary masterpiece of the watchmaker's art cannot dull its brilliance, its price of £40,000 means that few people will ever know the pleasure of owning one.

Everyone else, I reflected, must be content in the knowledge that such craitsmanship still exists today. As if reassured, he handed the slender chronograph

back to me, his fingers lingering for a moment on the finely edged gold case. Audemars Piguet

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denouncing the latest policies of Washington, Peking or some other offending country. All this is true, and there are days when Proudo does seem stupendously dull. But it is not the whole picture. Stories of embezzlement, fraud, muggings and hold-ups, investigations into ministerial caverups and attempts to falsify the figures, challenges to ministers

and Liternaturnapa Gazeta. Contrary to common perceptions in the West, the Soviet press is one of the most campaigning, hard-hitting and effective in the world. The headlines may be smaller, the lay-out more staid and the picture less revealing of human flesh, but the Soviet papers are just as committed to getting their message across, setting the world to rights and giving the readers a good laugh new

to tell consumers the truth—

all this is the stuff of Fleet

Street journalism. It is also

the daily fare of Pravda. Izvestia

Of course the difference is that the message is not just the editor's musings, but the party

But within that framework Soviet editors could adopt the same morto as their western counterparts: "We name the counterparts: "We name the guilty men!" There is nothing a Soviet journalist likes better than unearthing a racket or exposing some shinanigans in this or that factory or ministry. Of course he has to get clearance first. The story, and

especially the recent rash of crime stories, is printed not so much to shock or entertain but But once the party has decided that a sector of the cconomy is not pulling its weight, or public concern should be aroused over drunkenness, hooliganism or corruption, woe beside the offending factory when the Pravda journalist starts snooping around.

Soviet papers never criticize the system itself, unless the party has already considered making changes.

But once the leadership has picked a target, the papers weigh in. Soviet railways are a good example. Mr Brezhnev has several times complained they do their for poorty. To judge from articles over the past two years, they are in utter

I have occasionally reported articles about stations piled high with uncollected goods, regional networks stealing each others' trains to fulfil their own plan. trucks trundling all over the from rail trucks as they stood junction where the goods were people's favouring paper. This country while trate factories in sidings, It decided the answer to be unloaded for trans-ship is a weekly organ of the Soviet



send out search parties for the missing goods.

There was a nicely written piece many months ago that combined an attack on the railways with a poke at Soviet bureaucracy. Some years ago the Ministry of Railways way alarmed by the amount of theft

found premises, ser up a re-search programme and had all

the usual trade union, party and

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recreation committees. Day after day white-coated designers settled down to ponder over the problem. This went on for about two years until the boss one day his upon the perfect design in his own home. With a cry of Eureka he got his colleagues to make a prototype and took it back to the ministry. They had forgotten all about the unit, and were outraged to be presented with a for several hundred thousand roubles-the entire expenses for this happy little "scientific research organiza-tion" for two years. Grudgingly tile ministry paid up and a series of prototypes was made

When the big day for the test came all the designers descended on a station where they chose a train at random and fitted 20 of the trucks with the new burglar-proof locks. Then, in a farewell ceremony, they made a few speeches, waved goodbye, congratulated cach other and went home.

for testing.

Unfortunately no one thought of the next stage. The train chugged off till it came to the

was to lock them up properly, ment. The puzzled railway so it set up a unit to design workers could not open 20 of a burglar-proof lock. the trucks. They tried every This unit, as all Soviet insti-"thing and then summoned the remarkable frankness-tutions, acquired a life and local blacksmith. He broke seve where subjects that are all momentum of its own. It gath- erai tools in a vain attempt to ered together some engineers, undo the locks and in the end invented a long-winded title, the whole lot had to be blown up with explosives.

Many of the campaigns taken. There is always a "slatup by the press arise from page" where scorn is porreaders' letters. Writing to the on westerners who have paper has become a legitimate. pleased the Soviet Union: way of battling with the bureaucracy in this country, and the vast postbag received by the papers gives the Soviet leader-ship a useful feeling for the mood of the country.

One criticism made of the press itself by Mr Brezhnev is that it is too uniform. There are dozens of daily papers published in Moscow and hundreds in the provinces, but instead of differing in their level of sophistication—quality or poplar—as in the West, they cater-for different organizations—the-trade unions, the Komsymol Youth League, the Army, Soviet industry and so on. industry and so on.

But even these distinctions of allegiance are rather artificial at the heginning of each All papers carry identical texts. hereave of the limited nu All papers carry identical teats at the beginning of each pictures and layout when reprinted. Still if you are i porting party functions or official news. They invariably have a copy that is pasted up tions. And many stories no board at the side of the p social or contemporary themes could just as well be in one the west it is extremely paper or another.

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Unlike the West it is st times impossible to subscrib a paper which you can only

The Government must ensure that Britain has enough energy to meet the needs of the economy from the year 2000. In the introductory article to this report, Nicholas Hirst, Energy Correspondent, advocates ordering more supplies than might prove to be necessary, while Pearce Wright, Science Editor, suggests that this approach deflects attention from the proper development of alternatives

Aim must be caution

e could go hack 10 or of gas and electricity is being both costly and slow, and as ears with the knowledge raised to domestic and industate owned monopolies, gas, lable now, many detrial consumers and advertoal and electricity in the next would be changed. It tising on conservation confused Kingdom are sold at prices determined by the could instead of purious.

ot to limit demand for Eastern oil, and the was strongly empha-

the United Kingdom as followed up with mounted to a relaunch nuclear option. Mr Howell, the Secretary ate for Energy, and the Government's the rate of depletion e financed. The price also supplies power for lighting.

be regretted that Britain to finues.

The general strategy are for some of its newest are stations or that the industry was run down that the days of cheap energy are over, that supplies will become internationally more difficult and more expensive to obtain, and that there is every possibility that by the gazin for each of future demands to the producer tries which took place is far from simple. Hardly a single source of new energy can be brought on to events. The oil crisis, rgo and sharp increases ice led the Government recurred the Government to the North Sea with great speed as was ally possible.

The general strategy at adopted by the Government is clear enough. It believes that the days of cheap energy will become internationally more difficult and more expensive to obtain, and that there is every possibility that by the gazin need to be a net importer either of coal or gazin t in Iran. For the first water sector when ordering out of date almost before nterpational oil import vate sector when ordering out of date almost before were seried in an programmes have to be cut they were published. The back in future years.

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The Government has made
The Government has made has been departed him the Government has been departed him the Gover forces to run the economy, were then ruling, reaching but applying this technique some \$30 a barrel in 1977 in the energy supply indusprices by the end of the tries can be difficult. Short-century. We are already term price movements may

century. Winearly there. be at variance with the longer term, switching be-tween energy sources is often

on to build roughly The photographs in this report were taken by Simon iclear power station a Heaven at the National Centre for Alternative Tech-or the next 10 years, nology, Machynlieth, Wales. The centre's approach gy policy has come to to the problem of depleting energy supplies is to effont of Government emphasize conservation and renewable energy 2. Decisions soon are sources, with fossil fuels used as a back-up while made on whether to these are developed. The picture above shows a low energy consumption house with all-round insulation, quadruple glazing, controlled ventilation, and a heat ced to change the way reclaim system using a heat pump driven by batteries ch mining expansion which are charged by the windmill. The windmill



Opponents want fair hearing

the nuclear debate and to the understanding of the political process of planning large technical ventures in the United Kingdom. Yet nizing the reality of a situation in which the might of Justice Parker and his assessors is a masterpiece of brevity.

One of the charges of the anti-nuclear campaign is that of inequality. In recognizing the reality of a situation in which the might of the Atomic Energy Authority.

scientist, engineer, planning specialist or environmentalist seeking to study the case has to turn elsewhere for a documentation of the ssues and argument. Perhaps the most rigorous of

The shape of the nuclear concroversy changed last year with the accident to the Three Mile Island plant at Harrisburg, which gave the anti-nuclear movement a far more populist voice in Britain. Hitherto, the actions of various campaign arouns had lacked the successions of the control of the fiercest arguments. The fiercest arguments are since the attack on the development of atomic energy made by the House of comes from so many Lords' new select committee that the power of the fiercest arguments. The inquiry could be velopment of atomic energy made by the House of comes from so many Lords' new select committee was proposed by the House of comes from so many Lords' new select committee was proposed by and any other source of Lord Shackleton and Lord Sheffield last year, after the actions of various campaign.

One of the fiercest arguments are reorganization of the means turns on the economdirect political thrust of

urgency and popular senti- the capital costs have risen house.

Although nuclear power has been in commercial use for generating electricity for more than 20 years, the first extensive examination of the controversial aspects of this source of energy did not take place until the Windscale inquiry two years ago. The transcript of the 200 days of that hearing contains more than 2,500,000 words in its 8,000 pages.

By any criterion, the evidence includes matter of fundamental importance to the nuclear debate and to the nu

One of the charges of the anti-nuclear campaign is The vital necessity to that of inequality. In recogare combined in spending high technology projects something approaching £2m that are disregarded.

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opponents are not arguing specialists are committed in rather that they are contained some way to the case for that they are contained in some way to the case for the case fo rather that they are entitled to a fair hearing for their submissions.

Since way to the nuclear Goliath, whether they are in industry, academics or government. Their support has such volumes is The Nuclear Controversy, published by the Town and Country Planning Association in association with the Political Ecology Research Group. Since both groups were partial observers and participants throughout the Windscale inquiry, the obvious care taken to the windscale inquiry, the obvious care taken to obvious c

had lacked the ments turns on the econom- Commons select committee direct political thrust of ics of nuclear power. It is structure. As it happens, the their counterparts in the certainly a massive consum- Lords can marshal a far United States and elsewhere er of capital, with new greater body of eminent power stations needing some scientists, engineers and Evidence of the new £1,500m each. Apparently technologists than the lower

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School's heat pumps teach vital energy lessons

ack to school could well be the best essage for anyone currently involved in ng buildings. More precisely back Roach Vale Primary School, Colchester, xipient recently of a RIBA commenation for good design. The scheme itself, flored round five heat pumps, may be nly small in scale, but it is an excellent odel for learning about the advantages of 1 overall approach to environmental esign in all types of buildings.

Central to the school's controlled enviment are the five heat pumps which ovide year-round heating, ventilating and toling. In winter, the heat pumps use the stside air as the heat source, even when mperatures are quite low. Their output is pplemented by using heat from the warm haust air of the building, which is passed er the outside coil of one of the heat imps. In summer, the occupants are kept amfortable by ventilating the building id, in very hot conditions, the heat pumps unbe used to provide additional cooling.

Andular Design

But the equipment is only half the story ist as important was the careful consideraon given to design of the structure in frich it operates. A modular method of uilding (MCB) is used, purpose-designed y Essex County Council in conjunction ith consulting engineers Chamberlain and artners. This emphasises the importance Theavy insulation for roof and walls, doors ith draught lobbies, and sealed windows.

For it is only in a structure itself designed for energy efficiency that an efficient, economic and controllable environment

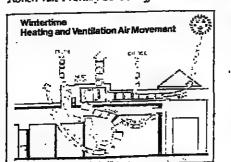
But Roach Vale is only a stage in the process of learning from succeeding stages of design development. And now that reduction of energy consumption is a real concern, the implications of that

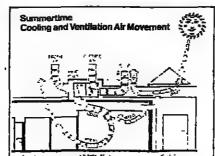
buildings of all types and sizes.

In energy matters, industry and commerce can no longer afford to spend indiscriminately - and re-education often starts with small pioneering projects like

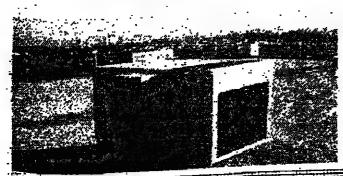
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Heat pumps—the energy savers



Heat pumps. What are they? What do they do? The title page of a new booklet from the Electricity Council gives the short and simple answer: the energy savers.

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Of course, the needs of such a variety of premises are bound to be varied. But heat pumps are readily available in sizes suitable for most situations where a controlled environment is required all year round. For a copy of the heat pump booklet tick box No. 1.

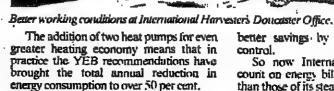
cent and a greatly improved working environment-these are the results of comprehensive improvements to an 1860m^a office area at the International Harvester Corporation in Doncaster Modernisation in four areas-lighting, beating, cooling and insulation-has brought the office right up

It is true to say that before the changes the single-storey office was virtually a relic of the steam age - its principal heat source was an antiquated underfloor steam system. In winter this struggled unsuccessfully to combat cold down-draughts from the abundance of roof lights. In summer the same glazing caused significant overheating, which could only be remedied by the simple but haphazard expedient of opening doors and windows. So everyone suffered the office staff physically, and the company financially with the regular artival of large

Action

In its modernisation suggestions the Yorkshire Electricity Board looked at all areas affecting energy expenditure together and identified four main areas for action:

- 1. A new false ceiling was necessary over the whole office, to he used as a return. airplenum with air handling light fittings. 2. Efficient roof insulation needed to cut
- seasonal heat loss or gain. Lighting levels were to be upgraded in line with the IES Code standards.
- 4. Air conditioning-essential for summer comfort and proper air distribution.



The original refurbishment has been so successful that International Harvester are now adopting the same principles in modernising other offices on the same site. In the latest case they are obtaining even

better savings by using optimum start So now International Harvester can

count on energy bills considerably smaller than those of its steam-age days. And it can also count on the immeasurable advantage of efficient and comfortable working

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Winter holidays, once seen as a continental luxury, are now an area of considerable growth potential in the British hotel trade. And at the Madeira Hotel, Falmouth, this potential is now being realised with the help of a recent electric modernisation programme. For under £5,000, the new electric system is being used to supplement an existing oil-fired boiler, to provide a warm and welcome addition for management and winter visitors alike. It makes use of electricity for both heating and hot water needs, while keeping installation and operating costs to a minimum.

The scafront hotel, originally five turnof-the-century houses, is open all the year round and accommodates over 90 guests. Its owners at first considered installing a larger oil-fired boiler, but capital costs and the expensive replumbing necessary weighed against it. The basic existing oil-fired system supplied heating to the ground floor and hot water to a few of the bedrooms.

Electric equipment could have been used in a variety of ways to supplement this. In the end electric panel heaters with integral thermostatic control were chosen for heating 42 of the 49 hedrooms, These cut waste because they are used primarily when the rooms are occupied, leaving

temperature that suits them best. Heating on the landings also has thermostatic output control; in this case using storage fan heaters.

Flexible

The same flexible approach has been applied to meeting the hot water requirements for new shower installations. For the second floor bedrooms 13 electric instantaneous units ensure that energy use is cut right down to the time it takes to have a shower. For the more continuously used first floor bedrooms, water for showers and baths not supplied by the existing system is

provided by off-peak electric heaters in well-insulated storage cylinders. The hotel owners were particularly satisfied by the reduced amount of pipework needed, and the low operating costs achieved.

Manager Mr Turner was pleased with the way the heating coped even on the coldest days - no boost at all had been needed. When unoccupied, the rooms had been kept aired with the heaters on a lower setting, thus providing the guests with a warm welcome through the whole winter. Annual operating costs for 1978/79 including the cost of lighting, TV, etc, came to just under £4,000.

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North Sea oil

How fast should we deplete our reserves?

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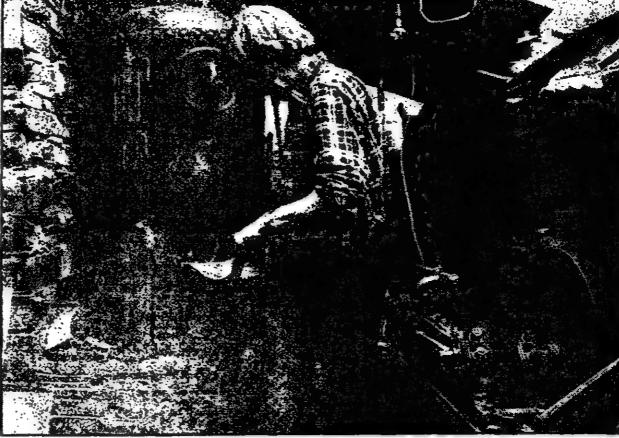
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As a result of guidelines the implications for fore-laid down by Mr Eric Var policy of curtailing prod-ley (when he was Societary tion? Access to oil is p of State for Energy) to run ceived as one of the m International pressure



Combustible waste that cannot be recycled is used to fire an old steam engine which in turn drives a stand-by generator producing about three horsepower.

Aim must be caution

has been revitalized.
The Government proposes

ponent was to have a steady ordering programme which would allow nucleor stations to replace old coal stations as they neared the end of their lives and would supply growth. The impossibility of demand was recognized and a rational decision taken to order regularly in an attempt ossil fuels became incress-

ingly scarce.
This policy has jumped its first hurdle, but only just. A rise in the cost of the two British-designed advanced gas-copied reactors, coupled with a fall in expected de-mand growth forecast by the mand growth forecast by the used to reduce demand, but Central Electricity Generating Board, and as a result of a mild winter, 5300m of over-spending by the electricity ment has to face, having authorities, led the Prime taken the decision gradually Minister to call in the Central Policy Review Staff to nuclear generated electricity is the staff of the carrier with the control of the carrier of the carrier with the carrier of the carrier

They won a reprieve, but control production so that it the policy of relying on never rises much above net steady ordering has taken a self-sufficiency, or should it other matters than energy be the best judge of the most are always threatening profitable time to exploit the energy policy. If electricity reserves and allow net demand does fail to grow exports to build up in the

continued from previous page sufficiently to justify the size middle of the decade? produced Treasury growth of programme the Govern- If production is controlled estimates over the next few ment has ordered, it can be should the number of rears have been slashed, reduced slowly. Cancellation licences to be offered for while the level of interest in now would have severely new exploration be conthe North Sea, as a result of damaged the industry; reductionled also? Should the tion in the future would not companies be allowed to

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The department has to plan for all its rolicies to come together so that, if possible, the need to import expensively is delayed for as lung as possible. Gas conservation is being encouraged fails to meet its investment by the rises in price planned for the domestic consumer over the next few years. The programme falls behind the increased sevenues flowing United Kingdom could find into the Gas Corporation will itself buying expensive to build up the nuclear industry to a level where it could, if necessary, meet a much higher ordering programme in the future, when in the North Sea, However, must be 20 arr on the collection of the North Sea, However, must be 20 arr on the collection of the colle

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North Sea. Should it move to Considerations on allow the oil companies to

But over what sort of their finds?

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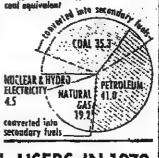
then oil in 2000 may be freely available and it might have been a better economic bet to produce the North Sea oil faster.

If the British coal industry target, if less gas is found than expected, if the nuclear buying expensive

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But, as announced in January, our customers are going to have to pay more for their gas in future. The price will go up by an average of 17 per cent from April 1 and further increases will follow this year and in the next two years.

Gas will remain a good buy compared with consumers have enjoyed something of a bargain. other forms of energy for the foreseeable future, even though the age of cheap fuel and power has gone for ever.

Fortunately, however, most people can do quite a lot to protect the family budget against the effects of these inevitable price increases.

Here are some simple ideas which will help you save gas -- and save money into the bargain; and some ways to spread the cost of your gas more evenly over the year.

MONEY SAVING TIPS...

Stop Obvious Heat Losses and Wastage

- * Keep doors and windows shut.
- Keep curtains drawn where possible. Turn heating off in rooms not in use.
- Use weatherstripping to stop draughts round doors and windows.
- Don't waste hot water. Dress sensibly - dont sit in your shirtsleeves with the heating
- on full blast when a sweater would keep you just as warm. Make sure your hot water cylinder's properly lagged with a thick, snug-fitting jacket.

Use Your Central Heating Controls Sensibly

- * Turn your thermostat down a degree or two. The chances are you'll hardly notice the difference - but you'll be saving money. (Where there are elderly people or young babies, special care should be taken in making temperature reductions.)
- * Use your time clock properly —there's no sense in heating the house when there's no one home.

Insulate Your Loft

- * If your loft isn't insulated, you could be losing up to a quarter
- of your heat straight through the roof. * Insulation doesn't cost the earth - and you may even qualify
- for a local authority grant.
- Have All Your Gas Appliances Serviced Regularly Keeping your gas appliances in top working order can help them to work more efficiently.

AND HOW WE CAN HELP **Energy Conservation Advice and Materials**

Gas showrooms have free leaflets giving more detailed advice on how you can avoid wasting gas in your home. We also have Energy Advice Centres, where you can obtain information and buy insulation materials and up-to-date energy saving controls for your central heating.

We Can Help To Spread The Cost

* Ask at your gas showroom for details of our Easy Payments schemes, which include special Gas Savings Stamps and Budget Billing methods which allow you to pay a regular amount each month.

In Cases of Real Hardship

* If you face genuine hardship over the payment of your gas bills, you should get a copy of the Code of Practice on the payment of bills—it's available at your gas showroom. It tells you what to do and how you may be able to obtain help if you are in genuine need of assistance.



Don't waste your energy

If Britain left

From Mr Wymne Godleu

From Mr Wynne Godley

Sir. According to Lord Gladwyn
(article April 21) it is "absurd" in
suggest that if we left the Community we should be "in any way
better off" and, in particular, that
"... the £1,150m that we should
theoretically 'save' would not
enable Sir Geoffrey Howe to balance
his books for he would still have to
devote considerably more than that
to firancing our farmers".

to financing our farmers". Lord Gladwyn is entirely misraken

on this now much discussed point.

If on leaving the Community we were to retain the existing method

of farm income support with prices maintained at their existing level

via levies on imports, no additional expenditure from the Exchequer at

il would be required to finance our

farmers. The Exchequer would indeed benefit to the extent of the whole ner contribution (say £1,200

nillion's and also would benefit from

the levies it would then charge on imports from EEC countries to make

up the difference between EEC

disposal prices (which Britain could

then presumably obtain) and present support prices. The total net direct

benefit to the Exchequer would probably exceed £1.600 million in

If, as a matter of convenience of

political choice, the Government or

withdrawing were to revert to the

old deficiency payments system, some support for farmers would be

required and the Exchequer would

not receive the proceeds from levies on food imports but there would be

an exactly equivalent benefit to British consumers who would pay

correspondingly lower food prices.
The Exchequer would still benefit
through not having to pay over the
proceeds of customs duties and a
proportion of the yield of VAT to

the Community.

The method of farm income support only (in effect) changes the distribution of income between tax-

payers and consumers, two largely

coextensive groups. Whatever method was chosen there would be a

real direct net benefit to the country

(on withdrawal) exceeding £1,600 million. This of course ignores the

dynamic" effects of membership

which can now clearly be seen to be

WYNNE GODLEY, Director, Department of Applied Economics,

From the Chairman of the Supplementary Benefits Commission

Sir, I was dismayed to read the

views attributed to me by your

Huddersfield correspondent (report,

On the subject of benefits for strikers' families I said it was for Parliament to decide this essen-

tially political question: Our Com-mission only asks that social security staff be given a manage-able job to do. That means that they

must have clearly defined instruc-

tions which leave them as little discretion as possible: But, I pointed

out, discretion and the contention it

may provoke in a big strike cannot be minimized if the rules are so

harsh that they create many cases

of hardship.
I did not "attack the decision to

scrsp ... payment of supplement-ary allowances .: to help pay for home helps . I welcomed it, suppleming that home helps only go to those who really need them— elderly and frail people in the main

and if these people are so poor

that they have to live on supple-mentary benefit it would be out-

rageous to make them pay for the service. Very few authorities ask them to do so. They, I said, should be ashamed of themselves.

Supplementary Benefits Commis-

Sir, Your recent article and the sub-

sequent correspondence highlight the need for adequate training for

leaders of youth parties engaged in mountaineering activities. The Mountainwalking Leader Training

Board (MLTB) and its sister boards in Scotland and Northern Ireland exist to coordinate such training

and to ensure, as far as possible, that party leaders have the necessary experience to cope with the hazards of the hills.

Outdoor activities form a worth-

while part of the experience of an increasing number of young people, and I am sure that most parents and

teachers welcome this trend, provi-

ded that such activities are approached responsibly and without

undue risk.
I would like to reassure Dr

Mehew (April 21) that the MITB is concerned principally to provide training for leaders and organizers of youth parties; it has no wish to "regulate" individual mountaineers, and I for one would desire.

and I for one would deplore and

Outward Bound Mountain School,

Sir, A thought, prompted by your except from John Grigg's book, If, indeed, Normandy had been invaded in 1943, and the war in Europe had ended in 1944, how

many hundreds of thousands more.

American and British Common wealth servicemen would have died or been wounded in the ensuing all-our conventional attack on-

Japan? Presumably the atom bomb

would not have emerged any earlier. It's an ill-wind

resist any such move. Yours faithfully,

ROGER PUTNAM,

Eskdale Green.

An ill wind

Yours faithfully,

Bunker's Dip, Neville Drive, N2.

DAVID GOODENDAY,

From Mr David Goodenday

Holmrook,

April 21.

DAVID DONNISON, Chairman,

Yours faithfully,

Carey Street, WC2. April 21.

Safe climbing

From Mr R. C. Putnam

New Court.

University of Cambridge,

Benefits for strikers

negative.

Yours faithfully,

Sidawick Avenue,

Cambridge.

April 22.

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OVERTURNING MR WEIGHELL

ast week's provisional pay settleeut for the railwaymen seemed several ways a particularly aperul sign of new attitudes in troubled industry. It followed e first annual negoriation in hich the rail unions, those arrennial rivals, had found it posle to join together to bargain th their employers, and it inended an agreement in principle sout productivity, something risted should be kept separate m pay talks. In a wider con-Lit, it seemed to mark the peaceend to the last negotiations of season where a breakdown kjuld represent a major threat the public and the national priomy. All these hopes were persed yesterday by the persed yesterday by the usal of the executive of the cional Union of Railwaymen accept the advice of Mr Sidney ighell, their general secretary, I the terms were "sensible

> r agreement in a subsidised lic industry whose chairman fidently expects it to fail to t its cash limits next year. good deal beyond what could called sensible on any objec-assessment. There was ittedly a productivity element se deal, and there were arguts for scrambling to the end the wage round without her damaging major strike. the productivity element was

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There was no hard and fast hargain on working practices whose savings would pay for higher carnings, only an agree-ment in principle to work something out-something anticipated savings would not in any case cover more than a small part of the proposed increase. Further productivity talks were also promised. With an ominous lack of any sense of historical irony, Sir Peter Parker, chairman of British Rail, welcomed the "solemn and binding" undertakings that the negotiators had given him.

The negotiators, but not the unions. The NUR executive take exception both to the link with productivity, loose as it is, and to the introduction of the pay increases in two stages. Their belated sense of common interest with the other two rail unions has proved weaker than their suspicions about an agreement which might henefit the others more than the NUR. This narrow obstructiveness is more characteristic of the footplatemen's union (which has more to lose from most attacks on restrictive practices) than of the NUR.

The changes in parcel and freight handling that have been outlined would have widespread effects on the less highly skilled of the railway workers. But the financial plight of the industry ere will o' the wisp compared is so difficult, with fares already hat we have grown used to heing pushed up at a danger-

ously rapid rate, and an acute shortage of funds for capital investment, that there is a real risk of a cycle of declining standards and earnings, which would threaten . more than any scheme to improve efficiency.

In most unions, there are three broadly distinguishable levels of political activity: the statesmen. the functionaries and the other ranks. At the top are individuals who can or should see the affairs of their union in the broad context of the labour movement and the national interest: Weighell was a statesman when he argued for acceptance of the plan. At the bottom come the mass of members whose main concern is to make the best of their jobs and their rewards, relatively conservative and pragmatic, but with a strong sense of solidarity. In hetween come officials and delegates repre-senting sectional interests within the union, not always; and often not at all, in touch either with political realities or with rankand-file opinion. It does not seem probable that the majority of NUR members would at this moment reject an offer so favourable to their interests, in favour of the uncertainties (and certain loss of earnings) of a strike. It would be utter irresponsibility for the leaders of the union to risk that course without an assurance, expressed in a secret ballot, that their followers support them.

THIRD CANDIDATE FOR NOVEMBER

rises in the course of this s American Presidential aign, but few people would predicted six months ago Congressman John Anderson i now have declared his inon to run in November as idependent candidate. His necessary degree of confidence es of victory seem at this to be negligible. They could iproved only by a sense of ral catastrophe that transd the political perspective. istory of third-party candiis not encouraging. Mr son will have problems in g money under the new and in some states he will en be able to get his name the ballot. The most prob-

ffect of his candidacy will be to increase Mr n's chances, because Mr son will offer a home for rter. while it would be a mis-

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e have been a good many decision. There are two reasons. The first is the widespread disenchantment with the choice that the two main parties now seem certain to offer. Disillusionment with Mr Carter mounts daily. Whatever his qualities, his conduct of affairs at home and abroad is too inept to inspire the

in him as a President. So Mr Reagan may well he elected, and he may well prove to be a more accomplished President than it is now fashionable to suppose. But it would be a denial of the evidence to ignore the. fact that he too inspires considerable misgivings both within the United States and in other countries. It may only be a matter of reputation, but politicians have to live with their reputations and he is not an American politician the rest of the world feels comfortable with. There are many Americans too who would not be ual Democrats who might of the doubt until he had proved his reliability in the White rter.

House. Yet Governor Reagan does seem a fairly normal human

> quently more favourable for a third-party candidate than for respect.

many a year. What makes Mr Anderson believe that he might profitably fill this role is the degree of success he has so far achieved on the primary trail. One must not exaggerate this. He did not carry Illinois, his home state. There is no evidence of a surge of popular enthusiasm that might sweep him to the White House if only the inhibitions of normal party loyalties could be overcome. He has not become a public favourite, but he has done better than expected and he is a candidate who has given the impression of responding honestly to the issues without for ever calculating the political

consenuences. In doing so be may have taken himself too seriously. Like President Carter he leaves the impression of having been born unduly often. He has certainly not given evidence of a personal brilliance to make one feel that here is a White House. He has not shown that he is capable of putting tonether and leading an organization in the way that is required of an effective President But he has made a contribution to the

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1980 campaign that is worthy of

MONSTRATIONS AND PUBLIC ORDER

at political demon- do whatever is not expressly ins has been increasing. prohibited, which takes the form mostly of common law offences such as obstruction, threatening behaviour, and malicious damage. Second, when the law assumes a preventive role the criterion it acts on is threatened public order, not public inconvenience or expense, and not the nature of the cause or grievance the demonstrators have at heart. The Government's useful but quite inconclusive discussion of the law of public order in a Green Paper published yesterday leaves those principles looking sound

cnough. There is no sufficient

reason to depart from them. There are practical questions of detail which fall to be considered. Are the powers the authorities possess to ban or place conditions on marches wide enough? Yes, although there might be advantage in making the disorder test less stringent for the purpose of imposing conditions. In general it should not be assumed that a power to ban can by its exercise ensure tranquillity. If too restrictive, bans bave been and will be defied, with the consequence sometimes of worse violence than there would have been in

the first place. Should it be the chief coustable who is empowered to take the initiative for banning and controlling marches or the local authority? The chief constable,

You do have the grace to men-

risen 21 per cent above the green pound. At one point the discrepancy was such that United Kingdom prices were at a discount of 48 per

cent compared with those paid to German farmers. The discrepancy

ranged round 30 per cent between United Kingdom prices and those in

the rest of Europe, for a period of

an entire industry? We were robbed of a golden era by Mr Silkin. The comparable situation which obtained

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That opportunity is now lost to

us, but allow, at least, that Mr Walker should use such mechanisms

as there are to mitigate the effects

of almost static prices, combining with the worst inflation and the

How could any individual survive such a situation for long, much less

five years.

that nation.

so long as the criterion is public order about which he is the responsible expert. But some-thing will have to be done (though this is a separate question) about the position of the London boroughs which are rated for but have no say in their policing.

Should organizers be required to give a period of notice of marches to the police? Yes, provided a way can be found of excepting genuinely instant demonstrations.

Should such powers of control as there are over marches be extended to static demonstrations and open-air meetings? Yes, provided the stringent public order test is adhered to.

Should the statutory right to public facilities for election meetings be qualified? No. That goes to the root of free elections and must be maintained at all

Should the racial incitement offences be drawn by reference to the content of speeches and slogans rather than their sup-posed impact in order to make enforcement easier? No. So long as freedom of speech and politics is highly valued, it is not safe, in defining these offences, to depart further from the breach-ofthe-peace test than has already been done.

highest interest rates in Europe, You do have the grace to men-tion that the balance was once in the other direction but you do not state the extent. Your leader is devoted to a protest that there is now a positive monetary compensa-tory amount because the pound has upon one of our few successful industries. Yours faithfully. ROLAND W. SHEPHERD, Boxalland Farm. Haslemere, Surrey.

Made in England

From Mrs Irene Walker Sir, The letter from Tania Dillon (April 14) prompts me also to tell you that in 1940 I bought a large refrigerator made by British Thom-son-Houston. It has been working continuously since then, with no attention and in five different

In my ignorance, I am amazed that anything can work unceasingly for 40 years, without so much as a drop of oil. Yours sincerely. IRENE WALKER.

12 Longeroft Avenue, Harpenden, Herriordshire. April 15.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Western attitudes to Islam

Sir, Having lived and worked in Saudi Arabia, we resent the trend to take isolated incidents, whether from the penal code, or from the behaviour of a few individuals when in Europe, and pass them as being the everyday practice and behaviour of Saudi people in general. Myths are very powerful—especially so when false—and it is time we put a stop to false myths which slander a people and jeopardize important political and commercial relations.

There is urgent need to consider the recent hostility displayed in certain of the media (presumably spontaneously) to Saudis, Arabs and Islam in general from a historical

Perspective.
The development and exploitation of oil wealth, for example, was not something the Arabs did out of greed. It was what the West imposed on them, strictly for its own ends. That we now sneer at Arah wealth is due to our rescutment that ther are able to command a proper price for what we insist they deliver to us. (Ironically, the Saudi oil authorities have done the most to keep Opec prices down.)

Vilification based on isolated cases sadly takes the place of any attempt to describe Saudi and Islamic society as a whole, any desire to come to understand the underlying tenets of Islam (although Islam is the religion of many of our fellow

citizens nowedays).
We in the West have to face the fact that any influence in the Arab world depends on the Arabs' assess-ment of our integrity. This is so in dealings between individuals and between states. For this, proper knowledge and understanding are essential, not the commercial exploiration of sensationalism,

We are, Sir, Your obedient servants, DENNIS E. FRITH, 15 Blomfield Road, W9. April 23.

From Mr W. P. J. Shortle Sir, I refer to Death of a Princess: Of all the crassly stupid actions

Of course the left-wing MPs com-

this is one.

of course the terrwing Mrs com-plain especially about those who protest—they're not worried, anyway it is their job to mess things up. If you said "cross-culture communi-cation" to them they couldn't even read the words. But for intelligent men to isomeofice hurinessmen have men to jeoperdize businessmen here

From Mr D. E. Frith and Mr Ken in the Gulf whilst sitting on a "principle" is appalling in its lack of insight.

What about companies like Cable and Wireless contributing millions in revenue from these areas—and BAC? What about people like me, waiting for visas to go in? In this rea can be found hundreds of businessmen awaiting their visas to carry on their business with the kingdom. I am not too concerned about these fanatics who go down fighting for a principle—that's their privileg?—but when they sit comfortably back in the UK protected by a non-government activity with the inference "we don't care how many other people go down for our many other people go down for our principle; we're safe", then it's time to give up.

W. P. J. SHORTLE, Managing Director, Bahrain Business Centre, PO Box 5284, Manama, Bahrain.

From Count Nikolai Tolstoy

Sir, Sir John Glubb (April 23) suggests that revolutions cannot be successfully threatened by foreign intervention, and that the only method of dealing with revolution-aries is to leave them to their own devices. Historically this is of course nonsense. Dozens of revolu-tions throughout history have been suppressed by foreign intervention; obvious examples springing to mind from recent history include action hy the Austrians in Naples and Piedmont in 1821, the French in Spain in 1823, the Russians in Hungary in 1849, and the Roumaniers are in the Russians. ians again in Hungary in 1919.

Sir John is deceiving himself if he imagines there are any "ele-mentary principles of statesman-ship" by which statesmen may ship" by which statesmen may guide themselves, Little Arthur's History of England being now quite out of date. How, for example, do you define a "revolution"? And can revolutions "always be left strictly glone to work out their own solutions" if, as in the case of the French, Russian and German Revo-lutions, they refuse to be left strictly alone and spill out far beyond their frontiers? Finally, can one really stand aside when fin Germany's Brown Revolution)
their own solution" includes The Final Solution ?

Yours faithfully. NIKOLAI TOLSTOY, Cricket Court. Cricket Malherbie. Ilminster,

Private patients' bills

From Dr D. L. Gullick Sir, In March the House of Lords debated, on a motion by Lord Hunt Fawley, the subject of the NHS and private health care. The front-bench Opposition spokesman. Lord Wells-Pastell, included in his speech

the following sentence:
"Even when charges are levied on private patients who enter NHS hospitals, many of them leave without paying their bills; and not only do they owe the hospital, but very of the con sultant surgeon or physician." [Hansard, col 247, 19.3.80.]

Such a sweeping statement, by an ex-minister, is so much at variance with my experience in this field that I have taken steps to establish the actual facts. This has taken a little time, but I hope, Sir, that you will think they merit publication—if only in fairness to the repute of

those of your readers who may choose to be treated privately. I. The Department of Health and Social Security informs me that the secregate of all bad debts written off represents some 1 per cent of the total amount paid by all private

Advertising claims

Sir, Robin Young says (April 18) that the Advertising Standards Authority too longer insists that

be capable of substantiation. To the man in the street, "substantia-

body, and not simply the advertiser, can produce evidence demonstrating the truth of the advertisement. This is certainly not true of advertisements for many slimming products, as the recent report of the Food Standards Committee has shown. In the past few years, I have asked the ASA to investigate three or four

advertised products that I believed were useless. The advertising for

Promising site From Mr Matthew Parris, MP for

Derbyshire, West (Conservative)

area is now quite overgrown with trees and grass and bas reverted almost to nature. It has also become key breeding ground for birds: the contribution made by this feathered vermin to noise pollution, by their internal twittering, prompted several letters to you in

Yours faithfully. MATTHEW PARRIS,

House of Commons.

patients. Even so; the spread is not even, for much of the largor sums unpaid are owed by overseas visitors, so that UK defaulters are less than one in 100 on average. The Nuffield Nursing Home Trust, the largest private chain of hospitals, inform me that in 1979 they had to write off less than 0.25 per cent of bed charges as unpaid debts.

There is no equivalent aggregate source of information about doctors' fees. I have, bowever, put Lord Wells-Pestell's statement to an ccountant with an extensive prac tice amongst consultants in this country. Re replied: "this is . . . a completely inaccurate statement of the facts. It is difficult to put a precise figure on . . . bad debts . . but for most surgeons with gross fees between £10,000 and £20,000, £200 or £300 would be the maximum written off in any one

Yours faithfully, DAVID GULLICK.

Secretary and Executive Medical Provident House

From Professor John Yudkin advertisements have to be "legal decent honest and truthful". But the claims it itself continues to make are still misleading.

Its own latest advertisement in The Times on Saturday, April 19. says that the millions of advertisements that appear each year in this coupary comply with the British. Code of Advertising Practice, and one of the rules of the code: all descriptions, claims and comparisons whith relate to matters of objectively ascertainable fact should be capable of substantiation. To implies that some independent

Sir, While likely enterprise zones are being considered, may I remind your readers of a neglected—yet, to me, obvious—candidate?

Hyde Park has all the qualifica-

hyde rark has all the qualifica-tions. An inner-city area, now entirely depopulated, commercial initiative stifled by regulation and bureaucracy: surely one of the worst examples of "planning blight" we have in London. The

my youth, all unpublished.

Those of us who are real Conservatives decry interference in the free market. Interventionalist legislation relating to the use of land shapes (that is to say distorts) our whole environment. I trust none. of my "wet" colleagues will demur when I invite your readers to take a critical look at Hyde Park : it is only the first step!

Essex Street, WC2 one of these products claims that it produces weight reduction by reducing apperite, since it contains bran. The ASA tells me that it is satisfied with the avidence produced by the advertisers that the product is effective, but that it cannot reveal what this evidence is, since the manufacturers claim it is a trade secret. On the other hand a considerable amount of independent research reported in the medical and scientific press demonstrates that brain has little or no effect in

reducing appetite, and certainly does not do so when taken in the very small amounts provided by such products. We now have the ludicrous situation that the medical profession has been provided with detailed research reports showing that this sort of product does not help to reduce weight while the lay public read advertisements, supported by ASA, that say that the product does bely to reduce weight. One can reasonably ask whether the function of the ASA is to protect the con-sumer, or to defend the advertiser. ours, etc. JOHN YUDKIN, 16 Holly Walk Hampstead, NW3.

Union solidarity....

April 21.

From Mr E. W. C. Symes Sir. Your article today (Apri) 22) headed "BL stewards defeated as 14,000 go back" states: "The great majority of those joining the strike after the first three days were clearly only displaying their large. clearly only displaying their loyalty

to union policy."
On the contrary, it should by now be obvious to most observers that what is commonly described as what is commonly described as union loyalty, or solidarity, is more likely to be fear of losing union cards, and hence jobs, if union instructions are disobeyed. Yours faithfully. E. W. C. SYMES.

Culmore Kingston Deverill, Warminster, Wiltshire.

Transport of delight

From Dr John Hages Sir. And what about the "Henry the Fifth" for the historic Night

Ferry from London to Paris, now

threatened with extinction by the

Yours sincerely. JOHN HAYES, 13 Earls Terrace, W8. St George's Day.

French?

Choice of help in

childbirth From Miss Juliet Willmott Sir, The Radical Midwives are not Sir, The Radical Midwives are not meeting in Nottingham this weekend to change the Sarah Gampimage ascribed to them in your London Diary (April 15), an image which, even in its own day, owed as much to fiction as to fact. They would, I believe, prefer to be associated with the midwives of the Exodus, Shiphrah and Puah, who outwitted Pharaph and pleased the outwitted Pharaoh and pleased the

Nor do they see the need for midwives being reduced if they succeed in their aims. Indeed they want the midwife to be restored to her traditional place, ie "with

the woman **. It does not seem to be suffi-ciently appreciated by society as a whole that midwives are a dying species. They were once recognized as the expert attendants in normal childbirth. Now most are, also merely obsteric nurses, doctors handmaidens, clerks and administration of the control of t trators. They usually work eight, hour shifts. Not all midwives deliver babies any more but are assigned to only one fraction of the process: the care is frag-

mented. mented.

No wonder it is difficult to recruit and retain sensitive and caring staff in what can be such rewarding and responsible employ-

Most births should be allowed to proceed normally. Yet expensive technology and medical intervention are often being applied wholesale when they should be reserved for ahnarmai cases.

Ninety-eight per cent of hirths in England and Wales now take place in hospital. Mothers rarely have any choice but to submit to whatever is the prevailing policy in their local obstetric unit, whether humans and scientifically sound, or other-

Will our society be happy when there are no midwires left? Is it tolerable that something as fundamental as childbirth should often be managed as a factory process by an anonymous assortment of machine-minders? If not, then alter-native patterns of care must be appraised and developed. The need for an adequate degree of continuity of care must be reaffirmed, along with respect for normal, healthy physiology. I am sure that there sys many professionals and others who are well aware of the present posi-rion. They should speak now. Yours faithfully.

TULIET WILLMOTT, Highbory New Park, No. April 17.

Moral standards

From Mr Gerald Bonner and Dr Ann Loades

Sir. In your issue of April 22 it was reported that a woman had been sent to prison and heavily fined for keeping a brothel which when raided by the police, was found to have no fewer than 53 customers including a peer of the realm, an

mr, accountaints, solicitors, barristers and businessmen. None of these was named and no action will, presumably, he taken against them.

It is difficult to imagine a more blatant example of the inequity of the operation of the law relating to prostitution. The lechers, without whom brothels would not exist, get off scortfree; the women who minisoff scot-free; the women who minis-ter to them are prosecuted. Furthermore we are told that the police wasted a good deal of time which they might usefully have employed trying to reduce crime in watching the house involved.

Can public hypocrise go further?
Is it not time for the police and courts to cease to try to control public morality, to do which they are themselves ill-equipped, which will prove in any case fruitiess, and which must of necessity expose ment te a charge of humbug? Yours faithfully,

GERALD BONNER, ANN LOADES. Department of Theology. iniversity of Durbam, Abbey House, Palace Green, Durham. April 23.

Pound foolish?

From Mr Patrick Sergeant Sir, You say today (April 23) that the value of the pound has gone up by 16 per cent since January last year and that we have experienced inflation at a far higher rate than our major competitors with the result that there has been a significant erosion of our competi-tiveness in world markets.

How, then, do you account for the value of our exports rising by 16 per cent to £40,700m last year and their volume by 45 per cent?
Or, for that matter, for the value of our exports being 43 per cent higher in the first quarter of this year compared with the first quarter of last year? Yours sincerely, PATRICK SERGEANT,

New Carmelite House, Carmelite Street, EC4. Strong language

From Mr Philip Jacobson Sir. In Taiwan I encountered Olde Jick (sic) McGregor's Favourable Scottish. Unforgettable, unforrunately. Yours faithfully. PHILIP JACOBSON Carmalt Gardens, SW15.

April 24.

Eternal summer From Mr H. T. Sowden Sir, I read today: "On the 416th anniversary of his birth, A. L. Rowse writes on the latest Bardic re-

search.23 It would be impertinent indeed to challenge the views of so eminentand contemporary—an authority, Yours faithfully, H. T. SOWDEN, Larch Cottage. Westhumble, Dorking, Surrey. April 23.

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April 24: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present at the Eightieth Anniversary Thanks-giving Service of the National Free Church Women's Council which was held in the City Temple this afternoon. The Lady Jean Rankin was in

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 24: The Duke of Kent,
President of the All England
Lawn Tennis Club, this evening
attended the Wimbledon Dinner,
which was held at the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall. Lieutenant-Commander Richard

ing opened the Pat Seed Building at the Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute and in the afternoon opened the Greater Man-chester Youth Association's Youth Training Workshop in Manchester.

Entrance scholarships for Septem

currents services and september, 1980. have been awarded to taphe Greusel (Duth Angle Shell School, Gabon). Sara Jane Ketteley (Valdon Guuri, Lisa-Anne Barber (Yandlesworth Hall). Sophic Statter (Priddesworth Hall). Sophic Statter (South Lee), and Flora Keddle (St. Vicharl's, Leish-on-Seat.

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Shrewsbury School The Governors of Shrewsbury School have appointed Mr S. J. B. Langdale, aged 43, Headmaster of Eastbourne College, to succeed Mr W. E. K. Anderson. Mr Langdale will take up his appointment in January. Felixstowe College

Art, Kensington Gore, 10 to 8.

Guided tours of Goldsmith's Hall, Foster Lane 12, 1 and 3. Lectures: Turner, by Paul Spencer-Longhurst, National Gallery, 1; Japanese portrait painting, by Margaret Somerville, British Museum, 11.30; The Vikings, by Kenneth Whitehorn, British Museum, 1.15;

Lunchtime music: Robert Dean, baritone, and Geoffrey Tozer, piano, Central London Institute, 6 Bolt Court, Fleet Street, 1.10; Singers' Workshop, St Mary Woolnoth, 1.10; Wartburg Concert Choir from Iowa, Holy Seguickya, 1 Sepulchre, 1.15,

Memorial services: Brigadier Sir Alexander Abel Smith, St Mary's, Fairford, Gloucestershire, 3; Sir Roger Stevens, St Margaret's, Westminster, noon.

Christening

Worsley stood proxy), Mrs Chris-topher Heath and Miss Griselda Hamilton-Ballile.

Thirties Ball

Mrs Sara Wright (01-636 5020)

Service dinners

Drake Term, 1925 Surviving officers of Drake Term. 1925, attended a quinquential dinner at the Army and Navy Club yesterday to Celebrate the Soth antiversary of joining the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

Yet that situation can be transformed, and is being transformed through Help the Aged, by helping to provide flats for old people in need—places where they find friendly independence and warmth. While the Greater London Council have supported us with a substantial sum to help some of the needy elderly in Inner London not enough can yet be done there and nationwide. Much more money is

achieves something remarkable for a needy old person. This year send the most wonderful gift of all—happiness for someone suffering despair.

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training and educational centre on May 12. A book of condolence on the death of Sir John Methyen, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry, has been placed in the main reception hall at the headquarters of the CBI, at 21 Tothill Street, London, SW1. The book is available during office hours in among wishing office hours to anyone wishing to express their sympathy.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Brigadier Sir Alexander Abel Smith will be held today at St Mary's church, Fairford, Gloucestershire, at 3 pm.

A memorial service for Mr. Philip Spink will be held at St James's, Piccadilly, at noon on Monday, April 28.

Birthdays today

Sir George Baker, 70; Sir John Clements, 70; Mr Kenneth Davies, 1: Professor Meyer Fortes, 74; Lord Gladwyn, 80; Mr W. F. R. Hardie, 78; Lord Hayter, 69; Lady Marre, 60; Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Mason, 80; Sir James Plimsoll, 63; Sir Stanley Rous, 85; Sir George Schuster, 99; Mr David Shepherd, 49; Sir David Stephens, 70; Sir Michael Turmer, 73.

Today's engagements

The Duchess of Kent presents Kathleen Ferrier Memorial Scholarship, Wigmore Hall, 1.25. Exhibitions: People of the Nile.
Third World Bookshop, 28
Sackville Street, Piccadilly, 9.30
to 6; High Fidelity 80, Cunard
International Hotel. Hammersmith. 10 to 7; Printmaking
Degree Show, Royal College of

Arms fair: Arms, armour, military books and memorabilia, Royal Lancaster Hotel, Bayswater Road, 11 to 8.

The infant son of Dr and Mrs Hugh Hogarth was christened Alastair Mark Crawford by the Rev C. E. Leighton Thomson at Chelsea Old Church on April 23, 1980. The godparents are Dr Charles Pumphrey, Mr Strone (for whom Mr Mark Tindal-Carill-Worsley stood proxy), Mrs Chris-

The second Thirties Ball, which this year benefits the Uphn's Ski Club, takes place at the Park Lane Hotel on May 14. There will be a dress show by Miss Sukle Thomas, with music by Mr Tiny Winters and a cabarct in the thirties style. Tickets, to include buffer supper, are available from Mrs Sara Wright (01-636 S020). 12 Park Crescent, London, W1N 4EQ.

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Many old people will endure loneliness in damp cold rooms. Often they must share an outside toilet and tap in the yard. Stairs are a " daily agony" to many. It is likely that some will die, needlessly, next winter from lack of warmth.

1250 names a flat after someone dear to you. And it

(No stamp needed)



between Iain Stewert, eldest son of the late Mr G. J. Greig and Mrs T. F. Webb, of Osbaston. Gwent, and Jeannette Mary, only daughter of Mr F, B. Kay and the late Mrs Kay, of Pulborough,

and Miss R. T. Berrystone
The engagement is announced
between Thomas, only son of the
late Mr T. W. Heaydon and of
Mrs P. L. McNeill, of Sydney,
Australia, and Rosalie, only
daughter of Mr and Mrs D. W.
Berrystone, of Weybridge, Surrey.

and Miss J. R. Valori
The engagement is sunnounced
between Robert Edward, son of
the late Mr Peter Rees and Mrs
Rees. of Brundall, Norfolk, and
Jane Rosanne, daughter of Mr
and Mrs Amieto Valori, of Norwitch Norfolk

and Miss V. E. lent The engagement is announced between Adrian Tait, of 1 Fair-

Mr T. W. Haydon and Miss R. T. Berrystone

Spring blossoms: Miss Catherine Bramwell-Booth, aged 96, Commissioner of The Salvation Army, comparing posies with Queen Elizabeth

the Queen Mother after a thanksgiving service in London yesterday for the Kational Free Church Women's Council's 80th anniversary.

Legal

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Lord Justice Watkins to be a
Pricy Councillor on his appointment as a Lord Justice of Appeal.
Rear-Admirat R. B. Squires to be

promoted to Vice Admiral.

The following to be new members of the Independent Broadcasting

CII:

Ser Joe Black, group computing actives
Mers Leyes Crewley, data processin
schnickin; Miss Robanoo Howel
ilasson officer for Wales of the Nations
Federation of Women's institutes; Me
Daphne Jackson, senior administrativ
officer with the Lordon Berough

Mr W. R. Heeler to be a registrar of the Chancery Division of the High Court with effect from April 16.

Listowel, patron of the society.

was bost and the other speakers were M Habib Bourguibe, jr, special counsellor to the President of Tunisia, and Mr John Marnham, chairman, Among others present were:

The Ambassador of Tunisia, and Mre

All England Lawn Tennis and

Croquet Club The Duke of Kent, President of the

All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, was a speaker at the annual dinner held yesterday

at the fusting of Directors. Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, chairman, presided and the Right Reverend Lord Coggan was the

Bowyers' Company held a ladies' night hivery dinner last night at Fishmongers' Hall. The Master, Mr F. C. Schilling, was in the chair. Mr G. Neville welcomed the guests and the Bishop of London replied. Other guests included:

of London repairs, included:
included:
mrs G. A. Einson, the Prime Warden
of the Fishmongers' Company, and
dirs ill: Lord and Lady Phillips,
Professor Sir David and Lady Phillips,

pany, Mr George M. Gee, assisted by Mr J. P. S. Edge-Partington and Mr M. E. Snow, Wardens,

and Mr M. E. Snow, wartens, presided at a court meeting at Glaziers' Hall yesterday. A dinner was held afterwards and the guests included the Hon Ewen Montagu, QC, and Mr B, W. Vincent, Prime Wardens of the Basketmakers' Company.

Bowyers' Company

Cash gift to college

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. R. Clarke and Miss A. J. Dawkins and Miss A. J. Dawkins
The engagement is announced
between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs
S. A. Clarke, of St MartensLatem, Belgium, and Amanda,
daughter of Mr and Mrs D. A.
Dawkins, of Godalming, Surrey.

Dr M. W. Millar-Craig and Dr J. A. Glading The engagement is announced between Michael Walker Millar-Craig, of Coventry, Warwickshire, and Janet Alexis Glading, of Cow-bridge, South Glamorgan.

Mr M. Nicholson and Miss S. Carnegie
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mrs Hugo Romer Nicholson, of Topps Farm, Breamore, Hampshire, and the late Mr Raymond Tibbit, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Carnegie, of Eserian Farm, Nyeri, Kenya. Mr II. Warqock and Miss M. Polomska

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr A. N. L. Wernock, of Hoylake, Merseyside, and Margaret, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs E. Polomski, of Zeist, Netherlands.

HM Government Mr Neil Macten, Minister for

Mayoress of Kensington and Cocines

and Mrs John Casson, Mr Lan Burgoyne, Mr and Mrs John Roberts, the Deputy Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea and the town ciert and chief executive.

Loriners' Company The Master of the Loriners' Com-pany, Mr C. Keith Vartan, presided

at a court luncheon held vesterday

at a court memore held yesterday at Founders' Hall. The speakers were Sir Edward Tuckwell, Mr William H. Wylle-Harris, Under Wardes, and Mr Henry J. Jackson.

Mr Michael Spofforth, President of the Institute of Taxation, was lost at a luncheon field at the City Livery Club yesterday. Those present included:
Lord Grantchester, Mr Denis Healey, MP, Mr R. E. Bishop, Mr J. L. Bowron, Mr P. Brinding Mr. J. L. Bowron, Mr P. Brinding Mr. J. L. Bowron, Mr P. Brinding Mr. J. L.

Royal Society of Medicine
The President of the Section of
Plastic Surgery, Royal Society of
Medicine, Mr P. J. Whitfield,
accompanied by Mrs Whitfield,
presided at the annual dinner of
that section on Tuesday evening
at 1 Wimpole Street, London.
Among the quests were Professor

Among the guests were Professor S. Selwyn and Mrs Selwyn and Professor A. Crisp and Mrs Crisp.

Metallurgy
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by
the Sheriffs, was a speaker at the
annual dinner of the Institution

Mr Stanley Ernest Enpor, of Guildford, left £1,267,244 net.

Other estates include (net, before

Briggs, Mr Noel George, of Pen-

Robert Roy, of Normanby, Humberside, C-in-C of the Indian

Close, Mr John Woodhouse, of Shipston-on-Stour, farmer. £148,043

Labour Party recruit

From Our Political Correspondent

sat in the House of Commons as a Liberal MP for 22 years and who

was deputy leader of the Liberal Parliamentary Party from 1949 to

1951, has joined the Labour Party.

1951, has joined the Labour Party. This was made known yesterday by the publication of a letter from Lady Megan to Mr Attlee informing him of her decision and the reasons for it. Her home is at Criccieth and she has joined the Caertaryon Division Labour Party in which constituence Labour

Caernaryon Division Labour Party in which constituency she is an elector. In her letter to the

is good news to the Labour Party. They had been expecting her to

join them for a long time and her decision will cause no surprise either to the Opposition or to her former Liberal colleagues.

Lady Megan Lloyd-George, who

General Sir Francis Roy, of Normanby,

Normanby,

.. £13.673

tax paid: tax not disclosed):

Institution of Mining and

Latest wills

Army, 1948 to 49.

25 years ago

included; untchester, Mr Denis Healey, R. E. Bishop, Mr J. L. Mr P. Bruddigr, Mr W. D. Mr D. A. Ridson, Mr W. D. Mr D. A. Ridson, Mr E. J. F H. H. Monroe, OC. Wr S. Mr H. Scholes, Mr J. Spurge; Stebblugs, Jellow council and charmen of branches of

Institute of Taxation

Luncheons

Sir John Sainsbury and Mr Timothy Sainsbury, Conservative MP for Hove, have made a cash gift to Worcester College, Oxford, to provide additional rooms for undergraduates. Both were adu-cated at the college. view Road, Hungerford, son of Mr G. J. N. Tait and the late Mrs Tait, and Victoria, elder daughner of the Rev Peter and Mrs Ient, of Newport, Isle of Wight. Science Policy Foundation
Professor Sir Hermann Bondi,
Chief Scientific Adviser in the
Department of Energy, gave the
sixteenth annual Science Policy
Foundation Lecture, entitled "Scientists and the Public Service",
in the RTZ Auditorium, St James's
Square, last night. Mr Maurice
Goldsmith, foundation director,
presided and the vote of thanks
was proposed by Dr Magnus Pyke.
Sir Hermann and Lady Bondi were
the guests of bonour at a dinner
party given later at the Athenserm. of Mining and Metallurgy held vesterday at the Mansion House. Mr D. A. Temple, president of the institution, presided and the other speakers were Lord Nelson of Stafford, Mr J. T. M. Taylor (president-elect) and Dr lug, H. R. Wuthrich.

Institution of Civil Engineers The annual dinner of the Institu-

Overseas Development, was host at a luncheon held at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of Mr. A. J. P. M. Saentonga, Minister of Finance, Uganda. Other guests included the High Commissioner for Uganda, and Mr. Richard Luce, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office. tion of Civil Engineers was held tion of Civil Engineers was been at Grosvenor House last night. Mr W. G. N. Geddes, president, presided and the other speakers were Mr Hamish Gray, Minister of State, Department of Energy, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent attended a luncheon given by the Mayor and Mayoress of Ken-sington and Chelsea at Kensington Town Hall yesterday. Among those of State, Department of Liergy, who was the guest of honour, and the High Commissioner for Canada. Among other guests were: The Ambassador of Marko, the Earl Haisbury, Lord Sherfield, Colonel Lord Math. Lord Hinton of Bankside. Sir Angus Paton and representatives of public and professional organizations.

Town than years and present were:

Colonel the Earl of Avon. Lord and Earl of House and Lagr Read.

Colonel the Lord Read.

Colonel the Covernor of the Earl House and Lagr Read.

Earl House and Lagr Read.

Earl Earl Dean Martin, Commander than the Colonel Read.

The Colonel Colonel Read Read.

The Lord Read Read Read Read Read. Society of Apothecaries of London Apothecaries of London, Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, enter-Gordon Wolstenholme, enter-tained members and guests at a livery dinner at Apothecaries' Hall lost night, assisted by the Senior Warden, Mr Guy Blackburn, and Dr T. D. Whittet, acting deputy

Junior Warden. Those present included:
Surpoon Vice-Adminal Sir John Rewlins, General Sir Victor Fire-Goorga-Ballour, Sir John Peel, Air Vice-Marnhal Sir Raiph Jackson, Sir Harry Moore, Dr R. Owen, Dr G. Kersley, Mr D. Satull, Mr A. E. Stroud, Mr A. Hemens and Professor A. N. Worden.

Lincoln's Inn

The Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn, Mr G. H. Newsom, QC and masters of the beach entertained at dinner vesterday, being Grand Day, the following guests:



the annual diamer of the Primrose League held at the Hyde Park Hotel vesterday. The Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, was the guest and speaker. Also present were:

Coombs, Mrs Violet Louise, of Weymouth. . . £134,332

Fisher, Mr Harry, of Preston, skin

Griffiths, Mr John Steadman, of Croxton, Staffs. . £125,891

Hoimes, Mr Frederick Brian, of

Huddersfield, engineer. £459,825 Jones, Mr Ernest, of Malpas, Cheshire. . . . £173,360

Lockhart, Mrs Beatrice Alice, of Barrington, Cambs. . £180,979

.. £155,475

University news

Appointments and promotions Chains: Dr T. R. Crossley, area and mech eng: Dr M. Davies, ctvd eng. Lecturers: B. J. Doble, business and admin, from June 1: D. L. Oren, business and admin, from Sec. 1: Market Charlette Hoffman, mod languages, from Oct 1.

Science report Agriculture: Useful fungi

By the Staff of Nature Concern about the harmful effects of pesticides has usually centred on the danger to wildlife that may eat contaminated plant matter. But two scientists at Rothamsted Experimental Station. in Harpenden, Hertfordshire, believe that more thought should be given to the fungi that normally

live in harmony with various crop

plants. Dr J. A. Ocampo and Dr D. S. Hayman have found that various chemical treatments designed 10 protect crops from attack by fungl. insects or nematode worms may also have a deleterious effect on other fungi that grow around and within the roots of the crops. helping them to absorb nutrients and withstand certain stressful

an elector. In her letter to the leader of the Opposition Lady Megan says that she is convinced that " in the changed situation of today it is only in the Labour Party that I can be true to the Radical tradition." She also says: "The official Liberal Party of 1955 seems to me to have lost all much with the Radical tradition. touch with the Radical tradition that inspired it." The recruit-ment of Lady Megan Lloyd-George on the ewe of the general election Many plants have such relation. ships with fungi, and the partner-ship, known as mycorrhiza, is mutually beneficial. The fungi have access to certain carbobydrate nutrients produced by the plant, and in turn pass on to the plant mineral requirements such

as potassium and phosphate that have to be absorbed from the soil. In some environt the poor, acid soils of many low land rainforests, mycorrhiza can be a vital link in the natural cycles that maintain the ecosys-

Mycorrhiza can also be very beneficial to crops growing in arable fields, and agricultural scientists have begun to exploit the relationship. Their approach is to augment the amount of fungus in and around the roots of the crops. Field trials of various crops, including legumes and potatoes, indicate that mycorrhiza could have a future as a natural

In view of such benefits, it is not surprising that people are worrying about the possible harm-ful effects of pesticides. Studies carried out during the past few years have suggested that various pesticides are indeed detrimental to the fungal partner; but a clear pattern has not emerged. De Ocampo and De Hayman have looked at the effects of a selection of different pesticides

of soil planted with barley, maize or potatoes, all with mycorrhize. They found that most of their treatments affected the growth of treatments affected the growth of the mycorrhiza, usually detrimentally. The results of those field trials clearly show that mycocrhiza can be affected not only by chemicals designed specifically to kill fungal pests, but also by those directed against insects and nematode worms. The most marked and consistent effect was due to benomyl, a so-called general biocide, which caused a notable decline in the mycorrhiza of the two cereals.

In view of their results, Dr Ocampo and Dr Hayman raise the possibility that chemicals used to protect crops from pests may indirectly reduce yields through their effects on the beneficial mycorrhiza. They suggest that such a possibility requires more attention.

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First Arts Council book prizes awarded

By Philip Howard Linerary Editor
The Aris Council last night announced the winners of its first National Book Awards of £7.500 each for books published last-

year...
The prize for history or blo-graphy has been awarded to Hugh Thomas for An Unfinished History of the World (Hannah Hamilton, of the worth thanks have beginning of history to inherit the political, scientific and technological revolutions that have brought our generation from the beginning of history to inherit the

The prize for fiction has been given to Penelope Lively for Treasures of Time (Scinemann.) 25.95), her tale of the re-creation, 55.95), her tale of the re-creation of an archaeological dig by a television producer making a film about a famous archaeologist. The prize for children's litera-

The prize for children's literature has been given to Colin Dann for The Animals of Farthing Wood (Helpemann, £4.95): animals of all sorts fleeing from bull-dozers escape to nature reserve.

Making the awards, Mr Kenneth Robinson, Chairman of the Arts Council, said: "This is a new venture for the Arts Council, which is always on the look-out for constructive ways to help authors. We do not expect the awards themselves to produce masterpieces that would not otherwise have seen the tight of day. But we hope and intend that they should stimulate the whole movement not only of

that they should stimulate the whole movement not only of awards to successful authors but also of good books to readers."

Since the Age of Pericles no literary prizes have yet been awarded without their being mouning at the bar afterwards about those who did not win. Although the short lists had some oddities in them, in general the mouning about the winners last night was less justified than usual, particularly in the case of Hugh Thomas's tour de force.

The Arts Council cannot spend a penny without criticism. And there has been criticism about the size of the awards the categories.

there has been crinicism about the size of the awards, the categories, which overlap other commercial awards, and the fact that each award is made by a single judge for the year: Dame Veronica Wedgwood judged biography or history, Kingsley Amis judged fiction, and Sir John Betjeman judged children's books.

For next year's awards both judges and categories will change. But only a mean or jealous monster would grumble about the Arts Council spending such hand-courage poor authors.

Memorial services Mr J. Skeaping, RA

A memorial service for Mr John A memorial service for Mr John Skeaping, RA, was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev William Baddeley officiated. Mr Paul Mellon read the lesson and the Hon Str John Astor gave an address. A musical tribute, from Jenkins, Lawes and Purtel, was played by Mr Joseph Skeaping. Mr and Mrs Roddy Skeaping, Mr and Mrs Roddy Skeaping and Miss Margaret Skeaping. Among others present were:

Eart of Listowel
The Lord Privy Seal, who was
accompanied by Lady Caroline
Gilmour, was a speaker at the
annual dinner of the British
Tunisian Society held vesterday at
the House of Lords. The Earl of
Listowel Lady Histor, Sir Anthony Loumda.
Sir Hun Casson Previoten of the
Royal Academy: with Mr Sidney
Royal Academy: with Mr Sidney
Hitchison and Mr C. A. Parker: Man
Paul Mellon, Mr and Mrs Peter
O'Sallevan Mr Lulian Seymour, Mr
and Mrs David Asler, Mr and Mrs
James Astor, Mrs A. I. Astor, Mr
and Mrs Mrchael Astor, Mrs Marim,
Wildinson, Miss Alice Wilkinson,
Commander and Mrs David Scott, Mas Likry
Scott, Mr P. Scott, Miss J. Findister,
Mr Michael Berkley, Mrs R. Sicothenson (Actermann and Sona), Mr James
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Ruggles-Brise, Miss S. Smith-Ryland,
Mrs C. Tickoli, Mr R. Brown, RA,
and Mrs Brown Mr W. Scott, Miss Likry
Scott, Mr P. Scott, Miss J. Findister,
Mrs C. Tickoli, Mr R. Brown, RA,
and Mrs Brown Mr W. Scotten, Mr
And Mrs Brown Mr W. Scotten, Mr
Adrian Scrope, Mr Adrian R. Scrope,
Miss C. Scrope, Mr Adrian R. Scrope,
Miss C. Scrope, Mr Bill Scrope, Mrs
E. Scrope, Mr Emond Warner, Mr
Adrian Scrope, Mr Brian Franks (Special
Air Service Regiment), Mr And Mrs
Johnson, Mr Brian Franks (Special
Air Service Regiment), Mr Androny
Gilbey (chalyman, Cilbey Racins),
Mr and Mrs D. Fuller, Mr C. BrudenellBruce, Mr F. W. Burmann, Mr James
Filton, RA, and Mrs Filton Mr James
Filton, RA, and Mrs Filton Mr James
Filton, RA, and Mrs Filton, Mr Allower,
Mr A. Bowness (Director of the Tate
Gallery), Mr Annold Machin, RA, and
Mr R. Behler, RA. present were:
The Ambassador of Tunisia and Mme
Sen Ammar, Nine Habib Bourgubs
Int. tha Countees of Latows, Earl
Alcounder of Tunis, Sir Edward and
Laft Warner, Mr H. L. Leedham-Green
1970-chairman and Mr LeedhamGreen, Mrs John Marnham and Mr
R. d'Erlanger,

Sir Maurice Hackett

A memorial service for Sir Maurice Hackett was held yester-day at the Church of St John the Baptist, Barnet. The Rev Adrian Slade officiated. Lord George-Brown (brother-in-law) and Mrs Hackett (daughter-in-law) gave addresses. Among others present

were:

Piece and Benedict 'Hackett (grandsona': Mrs G. Hackett (sister): Lord
Greenwood of Rossendale, Lord Beswick. Sir Vincent and Lady Tewson.
Mrs B. Paterson (chalman, North
West Thames Ares Health Authority),
Mr R. Beidzm. Mr Hitchcock (chairman, Bodfordshire Ares Health
Authority) and Mr G. Reynolds.

University opens space permitting

Lancaster University is to open its undergraduate lectures to the public.

The university senate has decided that in the academic session 1980-81 departments will make as many of their courses as possible open, and the public will be able to attend them, space permitting, without

OBITUARY MR W. M. BALCH Former President of the RICS

Mr William M. Baich, FRICS, inevitable, in building up who was an outstanding Press. Defence. During the wident in 1957-58 of the Rogal worked with the Essex Institution of Chartered Sing agricultural committee in veyors, died on April 20. He that, included chairmansh

veyors, died on April 20. He ithat included chairmansh was 76.

Born in 1904, William Morton Balch (known universally as Billy) after education at Management officer and land agent.

Maldon Grammar School and at Christ's College, Finchler, first trained as a pupul on a farm in Essex, a county which was to hold a life time arraction for him, but in 1922 pains 70 London as a general assistant to his father, E. W. Balch, in practice as surveyor and auctioneer. Young Balch's interests lay more on the land and agricultural edges of surveying and following success in the RKCS intermediate examinations (in which he wor the ference, and Balch's one veying and following success in the RICS intermediate examinations (in which he won the Beadel prize, gaining 95 per cent marks in the subject of measure responsible for windless in the subject of measure responsible for windless in the College of still recalled as an unitarial scholarship to the College of still recalled as an unitarial scholarship to the College of still recalled as an unitarial scholarship to the College of still recalled as an unitarial scholarship to the College of still recalled as an unitarial stil

PROF WLADYSLAW TATARKIEWICZ

A correspondent writes.
The death earlier this mouth in Warsaw of the great Boropean philosopher Professor. Wladyslaw Tajarkiewicz, is sadnews. He was at the threshold of his 95th year and had earned a splendid reputation as a scholar throughout Europe and in America.

Born in 1886 in Waysaw, then part of the Russian Empire.
Tatarkiewicz grew up in the optimistic, pre-1914 Europe.
Like every other Pole he resented the partition of the intention. ted the partition of his country between Germany, Russia and Austria, but as a European scholar be could move freely scholar he could move freely space, and cast is there. I from university to moversity and was equally at home in terrieved at and the work france, Germany, Austria and terrieved at and the work france, Germany, Austria and terrieved at and the work saved and published. His marriage to Teress worders to terrieve and recent heart attack he remained as active physically as mentally. Tararkiewicz wrote many scholarly books and was also highly esteemed as texcher and beautiful objects. She developer to translate works were a three volume. Castrad from English History of Aestherics, books on 19th and 20th Century Philip The esteem and affect sophy and an Analysis of Hup with which Tatarkiewicz.

History of Accusing Philips The Esteem and affect sophy and an Analysis of Hungary winder. Fatarhiewicz piness written during the dark everywhere regarded gave days of the war and published greaf sansfartion. After in English in 1976. He wrom Second World War, as belifuently and fast and found the first he moved from for many other philosophic life first he moved from for many other philosophic life first he moved from time for many other philosophic life first he universities cal papers, a splendid illust Ristern and Western Burtrated book on Warsen's and of America. His 90th his Lazienki Park, and a chapter on day brought film endiess a Polish culture in the Combinate sages from every part of History of Polish. Tatarkiewacz area incorps.

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is discressed him flist no plene book on happiness ever been published in trast to the pisthera of h fire in August 1944, managed to rescue his it script. While he was I marched to a regroups marched to a regroup, camp it was seized by a Ge officer who said that, as jess see more Polish culture manuscrupt, belonged in suster, and cast it there. I blessed took a chance retrieved and published.

His marriage to Teresa wortested in 1919 was 10

MISS E. M. WILLIAMSON

Professor Sir Richard Sto

writes: Miss Elizabeth Mary Williamson, who died on April 12, was born in 1901. When she was a child she and her brothers were taken by their widowed mother to live with their grandmosher, Mrs Charles Runter, a cele-brated Edwardian hostess with a remarkable flair for talent. Elizabeth was taught at home by governasses but her education was really the product of her grandmother's brilliant circle, which included arrists such as Steer, Sargent, Tonks and Mancini, to whom the children repeatedly sat—under pro-test; writers such as Max Beer-bohm, Henry James and George Moore, whom Elizabeth recalled as her earliest friend; and musi-cians such as her great aunt Ethel Smyth, who took her on a memorable journey in Greece, recounted in Ethel Smyth's own

A Three-legged Tour in Greece. Elizabeth inherited from her grandmother a sure eye for painting which later she too collected though on a less lavish scale, and an insatiable appetite for literature. She stored her memory with fine poetry, which accompanied her to the end of her life. As a young girl, her imagination was fired by astronomy and she decided she must learn mathematics and Greek in order to read the classical astro-nomers. When private coaching insufficient she was allowed by her family to attend. Towards the end her spin 12 courses at University College, was dimmed. She had end London, on one condition: she life but did not regret leave

must be accompanied by in the interwar years she

came a demonstrator in pro-cal astronomy at her col-and translated Prolemy's A gest. She was negotiating publication when the war in vened, the project was negotiated but her dozen of manuscript, valumes remail

During the war she won first in the Ministry of Ec. mic Warfare and then in Foreign Office, where she timed until the sarry 4 She was, I believe after permanent post, there but cided against it.

She filled the rest of her with books; are mayer all, friendship. Her and gererous nature won and gererous nature won the confidence of people of ages and all kinds, and at e formed friendships which broken only by death. In of mouble she exerted he for others unsparingly, always with the utmost tion and delicacy. In unclo times her vitality and her? ness to fall in with per wishes enhanced every occa-And at all times her with and at all times her with an ideas her ideas her schustible verve as a with a schuster and her knack for the schuster and her knack for the schuster and her knack for the schuster and the school and the schuster and the school tous quotations often in made her company

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Pair of Langlois commod fetch record £110,000

Sale Room Correspondent A pair of kingwood and marquetry commodes by the cabinetmaker Pierre Langlois brought one of

the highest auction prices so far recorded for English furniture at the condition of the condition of the condition of the condition of Dublin, the condition of the condition applied in routine amounts to plots bidding on behalf of a private The underbidder was an English

private collector. In both cases the magic name of Langlois seems to have motivated the determined.

Langlols was just a name that appeared on a few eighteenth-century furniture bills until the researches of furniture historians Peter Thornton and William Riefer was published in the Connolsseur magazine in the early 1970s. They identified his ocurre, and highly distinguished it turned out to be portion.
It was Christle's turn

He appears to have been an day to offer important is emigré Frenchman who lived and miniatures. It proved have deed in London in the 1761s, said 1770s; his furniture echoes with 4 per cent unsold. The French styles, with rich marquenty. price of 22,00h (estimate for ormolu mounts and simous seppen. 12,000) was paid for at Ori decidedly English feel.

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mara £3,000.54,000). The
totalled £487,415, with 11 pin
unsold.
Sotheby's have been ht
jewel sales in London, Milai
New York over the past two
and found themselves landed a fairly high musold percents cach occasion. The New Yor on Wednesday made 5644 with 25 per cent unsold; it and objects of vertu in the sale made \$473.365, with cent unsold. Yesterday's sale in London realized F42 sale in London realized re-paint 21 per cern unsold. The one norable item in Milar offering made 537,500 12.11 carar dismond. In Le two major lots, bought of fits one and £25,000, account for roughly half the unsulfa-

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BUSINESS NEWS

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Stock markets FT Ind 434.8, down 0.8 FT Gilts 66.48, down 0.32

Sterling 52.2638, down 7 pts Index 73.5, unchanged

Dollar

Index 87.4, down 0.3

I Gold

\$522.50, up 0.15

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IN BRIEF

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itish Petroleum has raised forth Sea Forties Field oil by 50 cents a barrel to 5, effective April 1, to its price in line with the Nigerian increase for ar quality crude, industry

a BP move, under discus-in the industry for several a, matches similar adjustby the state-owned h National Oil Corporathey added. North Sea s vary slightly from field ald depending on quality. week BNOC said its prices going up about 35 cents the beginning of April.

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tax profits of Interhal Thomson Organisation from £136.7m to £165.2m '79, even though United om nationed newspapers 39.3m (£1.3m in 1978) as all of the closure of The and The Sunday Times. d gas contributed £103m, ainst £75.5m after petropagane tax), and the revenue tex), and the division also did better, profits increasing from Financial News, page 21

ess bid decision

bid for Furness Withy to be referred to the olies Commission, the ay. The offer worth share from Orient Over-Container—part of the ong-based C.Y. Tung ig group has been recom-

1 pensions stake

National Coal Board Fund is to contribute £15m to a nursery ind units project in con in with the English rial Estates Corporation, tutory body which builds ment funded advance

100 incomes

Inland Revenue's latest on personal incomes, ag 1977-78, shows that the r of people in that year g more than £20,000 rose 10 to 27,000.

y's £13m contract

Davy Corporation com-based in Cologne and have jointly won a £13m or to design, procure and uct a plasticisers and plant in Lisbon.

nd seeks \$1,000m nd plans to seek a new fabout \$1,000m (£434m). officials said after a g with representatives of

s £9.500m taxesl UK has estimated it will total of £9,500m taxes on

orth Sea oil revenues in 1981 and 1985. Report, page 20

Street up the New York Stock ige the Dow Jones indus-verage closed 7.85 points 797.10. The dollar against IR was 1.20164, while the was 0.569632.

PRICE CHANGES

Top Carter aide admits the American economy has entered a recession

From Frank Vogl in Washington and Caroline Atkinson in Hamburg

April 24 Top Administration officials are no longer hiding the fact that the United States is in a recession, with the latest news from the car and housing indus-tries providing sharp support for that view.

Dr Charles Schultze, Chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, stated in Washington that the economy is "without qualification" in a recession. Administration officials points in president of the state of the s tration officials point in par-ticular to low demand for cars

and housing to prove this point as well as 30 the recent de-clines in general retail sales. This comes against a background of new IMF forecasts for the world economy showing a sharp slowing down in growth in the industrialized countries this year.

The IMF is predicting a rise in output in 1980 of only 1.4 per cent compared to growth of 3.4 per cent last year. In 1981, the fund predicts an average growth rate in the indus-trialized world of only 1.2 per

The IMF expects inflation in the last expects invision in the industrialized countries to average 9.6 per cent this year and 8.5 per cent next. The industrialized world is expected to run a combined deficit of \$47,500m (£21,017m) this year, while the forecast surplus for

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chan-cellor of the Exchaquer, is making a strong appeal to other

industrialized countries not to

deflate their economies in an attempt to get rid of their oil

induced payments deficits.
The Chancellor intends to
make a forceful speech tomor-

row to the world's finance ministers and central bankers

assembled in Hamburg for a

meeting of the IMF's interim

Although present British policies are highly deflationary

a 21 per cent drop in output this year—the Chancallor will

stress that this is for domestic

reasons and, if possible, should not be copied by other coun-

tries. Britain has to fight infla-tion and it is for this reason

that the Government is adhering

to a tight policy.

The world can cope with the

problems posed by the huge oil surpluses, according to Sir Geoffrey, especially if industri-

alized countries accept their counterpart deficits. He believes

that the commercial banking

system can carry out much of the necessary recycling from surplus to deficit countries. In calling on developed countries to learn to live with payments deficits, Sir Geoffrey

is clearly addressing himself primarily to Germany and Japan, both of whom expect to

Hamburg, April 24

It, rather surprisingly, fore-casts a \$3,000m British balance of payments surplus this year. Fears of a deep recession will be echoed today by M Jacques de Larosiere, managing director of the IMF. Speaking to the interim committee today in Hamburg, he will warn of a sombre world outlook for

this year and next. The IMF expects a wide variation in growth rates in 1980 from a drop in British output of 22 per cent to growth of 4 per cent in Japan. The British economy is expected by the IMF to come slowly out of recession in 1981, with a growth of 0.4 per cent.

However, the big question mark over world prospects is the size of the threatened American recession. The IMF forecasts United States growth of 0.2 per cent this year, followed by a charactery in our lowest three foreign. lowed by a sharp drop in out-put of 1.2 per cent in 1981. Germany is forecast to grow by 2.1 per cent this year, accelerating to 3 per cent next.

The Carter Administration insists, however, that the recession will be mild. Mr William Miller, the Treasury Secretary, said in a magazine interview that "several factors will

cushion the downturn. "One is that we do not have high levels of inventory at the manufacturing and retail levels. Businesses have been very cautious with their inventories. This means they won't cut pro-duction sharply".

fears in Britain that a very severe worldwide recession this year and next would make the outlook for British industry and employment even bleaker. The Treasury is therefore

anxious to encourage other countries, such as these two, to increase spending, even if this means that they run large pay-

nents deficits.
The Chancellor will probably

of foreign currency—such as Germany and Japan—should use these if necessary to

finance their balance of pay-

Sir Geoffrey will also stress that the world should avoid

slipping into protectionism. In

his view this is not the right way out of the problems caused

by the oil surpluses and cor-responding deficits.

It is thought that Britain is doing its bit to share in the

burden of payments deficits which are the necessary coun-terpart of the enormous finan-

cial surpluses run by Opec

Despite the existence of North Sea oil, Britain has a large current account deficit, which is expected to continue

which is expected to continue into 1981.

This has been covered by large inflows of money in the United Kingdom and it is pos-

ments.

countries.

Howe plea against deflation

The Administration believes the recession will dampen in-flationary pressures and that the annual rate of consumer price index growth this year, based upon fourth quarter to fourth quarter data, will be about 12 per cent or less, despite an 18 per cent rate in the first quarter of 1980.

But Data Resources, a leading forecasting group here, is more pessimistic on the outlook. In a new report this group sees two-figure inflation persisting for several years. Mr Miller, however, believes the inflation rate will be into single figures by this time next year.

Mr Jay Janis, Chairman of the government's Federal Home Loan Bank Board, said today that new housing starts for 1980 will fall below one million units. This is lower than the 1.17 million unit level seen during the 1975 recession and it compares with 1.75 million

units last year.
Mr William Freund, senior vice-president and chief econ-omist of the New York Stock Exchange, told a banking con-ference that the construction industry is in a serious depression and is without doubt the worst affected sector of the

In the car industry the usual spring boom in new car sales failed to develop and chear ailing Detroit. Instead the leading car companies an-nounced that their sales fell on average by 33 per cent in the middle 10 day selling period of this month.

High interest rates are an-

urging other countries here not

cies.

However, since then American

interest rates have started to come down. It is felt that Brit-sin cannot lecture other coun-

tries too heavily about high

interest rates as the Govern-

ment's tight money policy has led to very high rates in Britain.

On the key issue of recycling the oil surpluses to developing deficit countries, the Chancel-lor believes that the commercial

banks can do much of the job, especially to start with. As a Conservative Chancellor he be-

lieves in solving problems through the market if possible.

He, in common with other in-dustrialized countries, does not

favour easing the conditions on

Pension scheme income

loans made by the IMF.

Mr Denis Rooney, an execu-tive vice-chairman of BiCC, succeeds Lord Aldington as chairman of the National

The appointment, forecast in The Times on March 16, was

announced in Parliament yester-

day by Mr David Howell, Sec-

retary of State for Energy, and brings to an end the uncer-tainty in the industry caused

by the vacancy.

Before the appointment takes effect on July 1 the chairman designate will join the NNC

board as a director and famil-iarize himself with the running

He will need to balance the diverse interests and opinions of those involved in an industry

which still provokes much con

troversy among the public. His

primary qualifications are his

administrative talents and his impartiality on nuclear ques-

One question raised by the

new appointment is what plans exist for the rationalization of the corporation. The NNC operates on a two-tier management system which Mr Howell

is keen to combine into one

mained unanswered in the nuclear industry since the mid-

seventies as the debates over safety and types of reactors were conducted at every level

of the industry.
The Vinter Committee was

set up under a senior member

of the Department of Industry in 1970 to study the British

questions have

unit.

Nuclear Corporation.

of the corporation.

be deeply in debt. This year sible that if starling suddenly because of recent huge oil came under extreme pressure prices rises. There have been growing some of the reserves to hold up the pound. However, many people in Britain fear that the pound is too high and is injuring industrial competitive-

other matter of great concern to Britain. The Chancellor is to engage in an interest rate recommend tomorrow that States interest rates dragged up countries with ample reserves rates all over the world as other countries followed suit in an

io day 8.50 a share etoss

Lourho as a shareholder is able to do this provided it gives

subsidiary of Lonrho) which prints Fraser's eccounts.

To pay the extra dividend demanded by Lonrho would cost Fraser a further £3m of which Lonrho would receive about £900,000.

Mr Denis Rooney: facing deci-sions on British reactors.

should be built until one had

operated successfully for at

least two years. By 1974 the Central Electri-

city Generating Board bed recommended the American pressurized water reactor (PWR) for part of its system,

but the plan was rejected by

the Government.

The oil crises of the last decade have created greater pressure for an energy policy that would minimize dependent

dence on oil. But by the end of 1979 only nine power stations

Mr Paul Spicer, a director of Loprho, said yesterday that his company considered its demand to be "highly responsible". He dismissed the idea that the move was in any way motivated by personal animosity between Mr Rowland, his chairman, and Sir Hugh Fraser, chairman of

House of Fraser. Mr George Willoughby, finance director of Freser, said : "At the moment we are talk-ing about the House of Fraser Ltd and Lonrho Ltd, which is our largest shareholder. It is as impersonal as that."

At the moment Lourbo's case is that Fraser, which experienced a tough trading year in 1979 but nevertheless increased its dividend, could afford to pay more because its dividend cover at 2; times is more than adequate and that shareholders have not been properly compensated by the company for the period of enforced dividend restraint. Mr Rowland was not present at the Fraser board meeting when the decision on the final dividend was taken. Fraser's board meanwhile confirms its recommendation of 5.7p final dividend, and plans to give its reasons for doing so well in advance of the annual

meeting.
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Fed chief Mr Denis Rooney to take over at **National Nuclear Corporation**

nuclear.

The Government is now committed to expanding the industry with permission being given to the CEGB and the South of Scotland Electricity Board (SSEB) to build an advanced gas-cooled reactor each. The two AGRs to be sized at gas-cooled reactor each. The two AGRs, to be sited at Heysham in Lancashire and Torness in Lothian, Scotland, will cost at least £1,200m each to construct.
Future debates within the

Future debates within the NNC, to be chaired by Mr Rooney, will undoubtedly be on whether expansion based on British designed nuclear reactors should continue.

The present programme of 15,000 megawatts of new nuclear capacity for 10 years after 1982 is modest compared to those of France, Germany and Japan.

Mr Howell said: "None the

and Japan.

Mr Howell said: "None the less we are investing £5,500m per year in energy production, stressing the importance of the economic use of fuel and conservation, and are alert for the commercial development of non-exhaustible sources of energy. designed advanced gas-cooled reactor (AGR). In 1972 the committee reported and recom-mended that no further AGRs

non-exhaustible sources of energy.

"We all recognize the wider importance of reducing dependence on imported oil. We in the United Kingdom are playing our part to the full."

The corporation, set up in 1973, is owned by GEC, 30 per cent; United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority on behalf of the Government, 35 per cent; British Nuclear Associates (BNA), a group of private industrial shareholders, 35 per cent.

'helped in \$800m loan for Hunts? Washington, April 24.—The House Banking Committee is to

House Banking Committee is to investigate press reports that Mr Paul Volcker, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, helped to arrange bank loans worth \$800m (£354m) for the Hunt brothers to help them pay their silver speculating debts.

According to a report in today's Los Angeles Times Mr Volcker supervised the extension of a credit line to Mr Nelson Bunker Hunt and his brother, Mr W. Herbert Hunt, to avoid economic panic after to avoid economic panic after a margin call was made on the Hunts' wast silver holdings. A group of the largest banks in the United States agreed to the loan after details were worked out by Mr Volcker and other top government officials with the heads of the banks, unidentified sources told the

newspaper.
The Federal Reserve Board The Federal Reserve Board refused yesterday to "confirm or deny" Mr Volcker's role.

Mr Nelson Hunt and Mr Herbert Hunt had so far borrowed \$300m to pay off maturing debts on silver, the newspaper said. In future months, as more of the Hunts' past contract promises to buy silver come due, the brothers were expected to use much of the rest of the credit line.

The credit line was not made

The credit line was not made directly to the Hunts but to the Hunts but to the Hunt family's wholly-owned Placid Oil Company, the news-paper said.—Reuter and AP-DJ.

House of Fraser faces | Reshuffle at Grattan Lonrho dividend claim after profits slump

the Government.

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke Financial Editor

House of Fraser, the depart-Harrods, faces an unprecedented demand from its largest share-holder, Lonrho, to pay a higher dividend than that recom-mended by the board.

Loncho, headed by the con-troversial businessman, Mr Roland Tiny Rowland, owns nearly 30 per cent of Fraser and is represented on the Fraser board by Mr Rowland. Lourho is dissatisfied with the level of final dividend pay-ment of 5.7p a share gross recommended by the Fraser board and wants the company

To try to achieve this it has requisitioned, the company to include a special resolution at Fraser's annual meeting on June 19 proposing payment of the higher dividend.

able to do this provided it gives 21 days' notice. Success for its resolution would depend on the support of 75 per cent of shareholders. Fraser's board moved to resist this yesterday. In a curt announcement the company said that the terms of the special resolution and, if received in sufficient time. ceived in sufficient time, Lonrho's reasons would be circulated to shareholders with the report and accounts,
At present these are held up
because of the printing dispute

Move to recycle oil wealth, which is affecting production, page 20 at Greensways (ironically a

By Peter Wainwright

By Peter Wainwright
Grattan Warehouses, the
troubled meil order group, has
reshaped its board after a
financially disastrous year.
Yesterday Mr Michael
Pickard, chairman, amounced
the departures and appointments. Mr A. B. Andrews and
Mr D. McKechnia are being
promoted from within the company to the board. Mr Andrews

pany to the board. Mr Andrews will take over merchandise and Mr McKechnie administration.

Mr Donall Cunningham is demoted from executive director to non-executive. The most notable departure is Mr Michael Watson who was finance direc-

tor. The group is head hunting for a new one but so far in vain. The emoluments of the new post are not being di closed. Nor is compensation. Second in importance to this departure is the exit of Mr Kenneth Gray, the former company secretary and administra-tion director, Mr A. Malcolm

replaces him. The boardroom reorganization The boardroom reorganization disappointed some in the City who had hoped to learn of fresh blood coming into a boardroom where most directors have spent their working lines with Coaston. lives with Grattan.

They were also disappointed by Grattan's failure to link up with snother retailing group.
Mr Pickard reports that
Grattan looked around but "in conjunction with our financial advisers, Morgan Grenfell & Co we concluded that . . . the company should maintain its

position as one of the few independent mail order com-

The UDS group of Richard Shops, John Collier, Allders department stores, William department stores, William Timpson and John Myers had 4.99 per cent of the shares, but pow has only 2.77 per cent. This boardroom reorganization is the second in a matter of

months and follows recommendetions from Mckinsey, manage ment consultants, who advised earlier dash for sales growth.
McKinsey spent nearly five

months investigating the In the year to January 31 Grattan raised sales by 22½ per cent. slightly faster than the industry average of about 18.2 per cent But a near doubling of VAT, high interest rates and a big in-crease in spending on computerizing raised debts and lowered pretax profits from £11.28m to £4.45m. The group now has £33m of overdrafts and loans, but is still operating well within bank facilities.

Mr Pickard has been chairman of Grattan since 1977. He is deputy chairman of British Printing Corporation and was involved with BPC's joint ventures with Mr Robert Maxwell's Per-

gamon Press.
Mr Pickard
officially exone officially exonerated from criticisms made against him by Department of Trade inspectors over International Learning Systems Corporation.

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Setback in profits for major companies

By Our Financial Staff

The mounting problems in the Middle East and on the industrial front produced a dull session in the markets yesterday. The FT Index closed down 0.4 at 434.8. Only major com-panies reporting, including Dunlop, Tootal and provided any interest. Tootal and Vickers

Overcapacity in the European tyre industry produced another poor year for Dunlop Holdings. Despite a £10m loss from in-dustrial disputes and patchy trading conditions in the group's non-tyre operations, operating profits were unchanged at 164m on sales 6 per cent higher at \$1,500

cent higher at £1,569m. But sharply higher interest costs of £47m cut pretax profits by 37 per cent to £29m and after an unusually high tax charge because European losses

could not be offset against profits elsewhere there are no attributable profits for share-

holders. Vickers, the engineering group, reported a fall of pre-tax profits from £11.7m to £7.3m, but the shares pur on 5p to 120p on news that the dividend

is being maintained and hopes that the Government will be soon paying for the group's nationalized aircraft and shipbuilding interests. Sales were slightly down from £391m to £389.8m.

Tootal's profits were down by 30 per cent to £14.6m before tax, with poor trading condi-tions, the strength of sterling and high interest rates all conand high interest traces an con-tributing to the downturn.

The major reorganizations programme involving 3,000 re-dundancies in the United Kingincreases by £1,584m By John Whitmore The net inflow of money into pension funds and life assurance schemes rose from £7,461m in 1978 to £9.045m last year.

Nearly half this increase was invested in Government stocks and although there was some evidence of higher overseas investment in the final quarter of 1979 after the abolition of exchange controls at the end of October, there was no enormous rush to invest overseas.

Pigures for the pension funds show that oversees investment in the final quarter rose to £154m, about 124 per cent of their net inflow. However, their investment overseas for the whole of 1979 was marginally lower at £362m than the com-The major reorganizations programme involving 3,000 redundancies in the United Kingdom is costing E8m.

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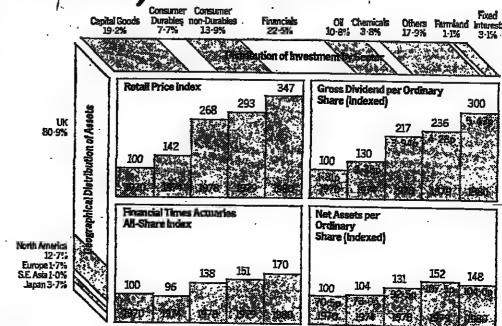
overseas are not available but in 1979 their total overseas investment amounted to only £93m, or just over 2 per cent of their increased income.

Institutional investors were
able to invest overseas before
the abolition of exchange conthe abolition of exchange controls, through the premium
currency market or by means
of overseas loans but it was
generally expected that many
larger funds would gradually
make use of their greater freedom to step up the overseas
content of their portfolios.

For many funds the extent
of their overseas exposure will of their overseas exposure was be limited by the fact that their liabilities are mainly in sterling. Many fund managers are money overseas at present be-cause sterling should represent

a relatively safe currency as long as the world oil market

The International Investment Trust, Limited.



Total assets at 31st January 1980: £40.9 million.

The rising price of oil and accelerating inflation is making a slowdown in industrial activity both in the U.S. and the U.K. inevitable. The outlook for profits is uncertain. In the U.K. industry is faced with a very high level of wage increases and with a highly valued currency which is leading to very difficult export conditions and a high level of import penetration. The final dividend of

2.33p per share makes a total of 3.80p per share for the year, an increase of 29.3%. The current rate of dividend will be maintained and we intend to pay an interim dividend in October of 1.6p per share before attributable

C. Michael Hughes, Chairman



A member of the Touche, Remnant Management Group. Total funds under group management exceed £800 million.

8p to 338p 8p to 170p 8p to 314p 10p to 398p 8p to 128p 15p to 655p 15p to 387p 9p to 135p 10p to 335p 15c to 510c THE POUND Bank buys 2.09 30.65 59.85 2.702 13.24 8.82 9.85 4.27 95.90 11.27 1.13 1995.00 575,90 Eank seils 2.02 28.90 66.35 2.632 12.69 8.42 9.45 Norway Kr 11.62 Portugal Esc 112.50 South Africa Rd 1.94 Spain Pta 163.00 Sweden Kr 9.95 Switzerland Fr 4.01 USA S 2.30 Yugoslavia Dnr 51.25 106.50 1.81 156.00 9.55 3.79 2.24 48.25 Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Bartleys Bank biernational Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers cheques and other foreign corrects 1.09

Irish hive off another aspect of new technology

Computer creates Super bee

You cannot tell new technology to buzz off. The bees of the Irish Republic, engrossed in their daily search for the pollen of the Emerald Isle, are having their mating and working habits monitored by compared

developed a suite of programmes making bee husbandry as efficient as any modern assembly line.

assembly line.

Gaeldata's involvement began almost 18 months ago having when it was commissioned by Mil an tSulain, professional beckeepers in the west of Ireland, to conduct a feasibility study.

The object of the exercise are the create a computerized was to create a computerized But the computer pays off system which would help to particularly when it comes to

breed a stronger bee more suitable to the Irish climate— inspection every nine days, the "superbee". The scale of the problem was challenging and the variables complex, dictated by the activities of 50,000 bees in each of 600 hives.

With all the recession days

puter.

In Galway, a computer soft-ware company called Gaeldata, which caters mainly to the needs of Gaelic speakers, has described a suite of pro-Within weeks, the beekeepers

were able to call on reports giving the status and condition of the bees, hives and the honey produced. Essential information for the computer age beekeeper includes details of whether particular frames are full and in good repair to steer each hive towards an acceptable output of 50lb of honey per year.

programs, can help to decide what type of bee works best. In the west of the Republic, this computer system is helping to create a darker and stronger "superbee" which can absorb more sun than the present Italian strain and can tackle winds in excess of 15 mph. which would otherwise restrict the workers to the hives.

The worker bee is the result the mating of a drone bee with a queen, of which there is only one per hive; while the drone is the result of an unfertilized egg laid by the queen. Bill Johnstone

Judgment is reserved

in Tarling appeal

Singapore company law.

Mr Howard Cashin, for the defence, argued that the judgnetence, argued that the judg-nient should go in favour of Mr Tarling, particularly as the charges as framed were mean-ingless and disclosed no offence."

Mr Tarling, who was released last month after serving a six-month jail sentence, returned to Singapore for the appeal in an attempt to clear his name. No date has been set for the

judgment.
The charges alleged that Mr in its British Post House chain during the next three years. It will be spending up to 240m Tarling violated the Singapore company act in 1972 and 1973 when he was the chairman of Haw Par Brothers International, in which the British Slater Walker group had a substantial

German gas find

A consortium of four West German companies has found natural gas at a depth of between 4,600 and 4,900 metres in test drillings in north Germany, Mobil, a consortium member, announced in Hamhurg. Gas was flowing at 30,000 cubic metres an hour.

Malaysian oil up

The Government of Malaysia has announced oil price increases ranging from 30 Valaysian conts (about 7p) per British gallon for kerosene to offective from Friday. At the same time, a 25 per cent export duty on all oil exports is

US car sales slump

Domestic car sales in the United States have plunged by an unexpected 33 per cent in mid-April from a year earlier in the lowest level since 1975. Dealers reported sales of 146,171 domestically built cars in the April 11-20 period, down from 243,801 a year earlier.

Leading British marine engine was 'a way of life' for many shipowners

End of the Doxford success story

The death of the Doxford marine engine, foreshadowed by British Shipbuilders last week, marks the end of an era for shipowners and marine engineers. Will it also be a tragically unnecessary event, which British engineering and the north-east coast in particular will one day bitterly regret?

The Doxford is Britain's only large slow-speed ship's engine at a time when the superiority of the oil engine over the steam turbine on grounds of fuel economy against rapidly rising bunker costs has reached the point at which owners are spending millions tearing turbines out of existing ships to replace them with diesels.

Not only is the Doxford an economical engine, it is the best of any at burning low-grade fuels, a quality which also is becoming steadily more valuable. Ship-Appeal yesterday reserved owners like it because it is simple, easy to four-day maintain and free of vibration.

hearing into an appeal by Mr. "The way things are going, the Dox-Richard Tarling, the British businessman, against his con-businessman, against his conviction on charges of violating was a way of life for many shipowners " another said. "It is most unfortunate", a

Trusthouse Forte, Britain's

largest hotels group, plans to

build at least nine new hotels

on building and an extensive

refurbishing programme which

is already under way.

This was announced yesterday

improved more quickly than

expected the building rate of new hotels could be increased,

he added.
It was the first indication of

major new hotel investment by British hotel groups since 1974,

although some of the large American chains have expansion plans for the United Kingdom.

Although many hoteliers are

worried about indications that

The Co-operative retail societies' market share fell

last year as their volume growth

with an overall growth of 13

shows an increase in market shares in the North of England and a fall in parts of the Mid-

But an analysis of first results

reached 12.4 per cent compared

per cent

retail

by Mr Rocco Forte, deputy chief executive of Truschouse Conference on hotel development. If the economic climate interested means outlet projects are being negotive details of the conference on hotel development. If the economic climate interested means outlet projects are being negotive details of the conference of

tragedy", a fourth one said.
Why then are British Shipbuilders closing Doxford? The short answer is that no one is buying them, after what BS describe as an intensive worldwide sales effort over the past year.

"It is all very well talking about the future", a BS spokesman said yesterday, but this is a business that is not viable, in the short term rather than the long term, and we have tight financial restraints that force us to reduce losses". To be fair, the troubles of the Doxford go back long before nationalization. "It is another of those cases of an engine

builder being controlled by a shipyard", one engineer said yesterday. The yard is interested only in engines for its own ships. Profits are ploughed back into the shipyard rather than the engine works. Compared with other British works, Doxford has been starved

of funds for years." It looks like the classic British tale of decline and fall—even to the Doxford's designer (long retired), an impish, irascible man in the true tradition of the quirky British inventor.

He retained faith in the opposed-piston

cost of between £25,000 and the same number in other countries.

THF is also planning extensive expansion abroad, particularly in the Hay-

lands, the South and in Scot- have previously been under-

land, according to the Co-opera-tive Union. estimating the Co-operative share of the retail market.

rebasing of Department of line with earlier figures under-Trade statistics which appear to stating the market share.

dock Park and is due to be

completed later this year. Three Post Houses are planned for the next financial year, des-

pite the tourism decline so far

this year, which is partly due

to a drop in the number of

A company which helped

promote the conference gave

warning that the tendency of some London local authorities

to prevent new hotel building could lead to a shortage of London hotel bedrooms and

deter overseas visitors from

This was revealed in a survey

by Horwath and Horwath, the management consultants who

management constitutes who promoted the conference, together with the International Hotel Association. Mr Michael Montague, chairman of the English Tourist Board, called for low-cost "budget" hotels

to be built on London's peri-phery along the new M25

On the new basis the operative share fell to 7

cent from 7.1 per cent in 1978

and 72 per cent the previous year. This declining trend is in

for low-cost "budget

American tourists.

coming to Britain.

Trusthouse Forte to build nine new EEC chief

hotels in £40m expansion scheme

larly in the United States where the only botel directly under the THF banner is in New York, athough THF owns the

TraveLodge franchised chain.

A hotel in Dallas, Texas, is due to open later this year and other projects are being negoti-

ment costs in the United States

by operating the new luxury bracket hotels on long-term management contracts, taking

only a 10 per cent equity stake

Part of the group's thinking

is to gain greater awareness there for the THF name, to help sell the British THF hotels

to the United States tourist.
THF elso hoped to expand

Co-op's retail market share falls

tive Union.

The retail societies' overall

market share was nevertheless

with earlier estimates of 6.7 per

cent. The change is caused by a rebasing of Department of

per ceut last year compared

building costs are outstripping on the Continent and in the Far for low-co-inflation, THF expects to build East, Mr Forte said, THF's aim to be built the new Post Houses, usually is to have around 15 to 20 phery alowith around 100 rooms, at a hotels in the United States and motorway.

valveless design with the P-type (after Percy) and the J-type (after Jackson) through the Fifties and early Sixties when no one else was building anything like it, and that faith was justified with a 25-38 per cent market share and 25 licensees around the world.

When, in the late Sixties, owners wanted more powerful engines for everbigger ships Doxford had difficulty getting above 20,000 shp when rivals were producing 30-40,000. The big, extended crankshaft peculiar to the opposed-piston design suffered too much stress. Power requirements are falling again now though, with rising fuel costs: another factor working in the Doxford's favour.

But after years of neglect the licensees have all fallen away, the rolume is not there, and British Shipbuilders say they

It will be interesting to see what Mr Robert Atkinson makes of it if he takes over at BS in the summer. As managing director at Doxford briefly in the Sixties he tried to stop the rot, but lacked either the time or the influence or both. Is it too late?

sees no

threat of

oil shortage

Brussels, April 24.—Mr Guido

Brunner, the European Com-

munity's energy commissioner,

has given a warning against

panic buying of oil which could

drive prices up at a time of

world surplus. He said the pros-

pect of Iranian sales to the

Soviet block was not a worrying

one and in fact might reduce

Mr Brunner said the western

countries had extensive oil reserves and "the world oil

market isn't facing a shortage"

despite the drastic reduction in

Iranian output during the past

a situation where there is con-

shortage. That's unlikely", he said. "Companies should be

able to refuse to buy at excess

levels. The consumer must avoid bulk purchasing (and) panic buying."

Such unwarranted competition for limited supplies could drive prices up, as it did lest year. Mr Brunner said the

1979 doubling of prices was not

provoked by market forces, since there was no lack of oil.

Asked about reports that Iran was beginning to sell oil to eastern Europe, Mr Brunner said this merely reflected a

The Soviet block countries

were resorting more and more to the world market, as

domestic output fell short of needs. "In terms of the balance on the world market, I

three-year trend.

"We must, at all costs, avoid

market tensions.

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Michael Baily

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

State support for rail pensions

Mr W. Gowan

Sir, The Transport Eill will be considered by the House of Lords snortly and I should like to draw your attention to the deep concern felt by rail tions are almost bound to turn waymen about the pensions out incorrect.

railway pension funds is a well-established principle and arises because of the financial arrangements which made in past years. The support extends only to certain toric pensions"; the pensions now being earned in the modera railway pension funds do not qualify for support.

The problem is that the

Transport Bill adopts a rigid "once and for all" assessment before the end of 1981. This

tions regarding inflation, investment returns and the like over many years in the future and in practice the assump-

there is too much support Bill then the pensioners will Yours faithfully, receive unnecessity extra pen. A G KENTRIDGE, sions at the taxpayers expense. Charman, if there is too little support, British Railways Superannuthe cost will fall on the Rail in Fund. ways Board, but if they are W. GOWAN, unable to meet it, then it is Chairman not clear where the money Committeemen

would come from. We feel that it would be system of support based on a preferable to have an adjus- Euston Square, table system of support so that PO Box 106, the Government will meet the London NW1 202

From Mr A. G. Kentridge and assessment will have to be cost (but no more than the cost of the man the cost of the cost of the cost of the man the cost of the concerned) :

We believe that this would have advantages for everyon concerned the taxpayer, Government, the Railway Board and the fund member The result is that either too and pensioners. We therefore lauses.

Government support for the ailway pension funds is a be provided or too little. If he second thoughts about the

tion Fund.

Computer information

Sir, Those of us engaged in the Sir, Those of us engaged in the transfer of technology and the application of knowledge will do well to take note of Mr William Nortis' exhortation to "address society's major needs". (Kennth Owen's article of April 11). One might have expected, however, that he would have rempered his enthusiasm for the power of large computer-based information systems by making some tion systems by making some reference to the quality of the information which they will con-tain. Without this qualification such systems will fail to be technologically, and socially, acceptable.

Information of indefinite Intormation of indetaile in quality is already available in abundance and the layman is becoming aware that "information" as such may only continuous and the such may only continuous as such may only continuous and the such may only continuous as such ma pound his confusion. For example, the broadcast media increasingly show us experts, each well intentioned but each with a different interpretation of current knowledge or, to use modern jargon, "working from a different data base". This only adds to the difficulties of finding solutions to our prob-lems. Society's reaction will increasingly be to discount, out of hand, the so-called "ex-perts"—or possessor of infor-mation—and unless some discipline is applied alongside Mr

fate lies in store for computer systems and the information they contain.

Computer systems already exist which misinform because insufficient attention was given to the information before it was stored. Some others process out of data information because their masters are untware that the best information is often ephemeral. If information recalled from computer systems velling from South Wales u is to be useful and, more standon: I was wide awake at importantly, acceptable to the soon as I was hide intended to intended to serve then the end production of the Doxford intended to serve then the end production of the Doxford intended to serve then the end production of the Doxford intended to serve then the end production of the Doxford intended to serve then the end production of the Doxford intended to serve then the end production of the Doxford intended to serve them the end production of the Doxford intended to serve them the end production of the Doxford intended to serve them the end production of the Doxford intended to serve them the end production of the Doxford intended to serve them the end production of the Doxford intended to serve them the end production of the Doxford intended to serve them the end production of the Doxford intended to serve them the end production of the Doxford intended to serve them the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve them the end production of the Doxford intended to serve them the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production of the Doxford intended to serve the end production intended to serve the end production in information stored must be carefully refined, evaluated and be validated by a consensus opinion of those competent to make the necessary judgments. The processes by which this can be done are yet in their infancy, and not widely disseminated. One can but hope that the need for the application of these processes will be accepted by trend leaders such as Mr Norris. Otherwise he may one day have to face an infuriated band of Sioux Indians should their state of health ever be diagnosed by a computer system other than the one he has already provided I Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY J. BARRETT. Chairman & Chief Executive, Engineering Sciences Data Unit Ltd, 251-259 Regent Street, London WIR 7AD.

Norris' enthusiasm, the same Fair play for car parkers

Sir, While agreeing whole-heartedly with much of Hall-dora Blair's article on the problem of parking in your issue of April 12, perhaps I may refer you to a court report in The Times of May 2, 1966.

Miss Blair commented that the law would not condone the smearing of a seat with marma-lade in reprisal against the driver of that car parked across eastern countries purchase this oil, they'll be less likely to seek oil elsewhere." Robey, the Marlborough Street magistrate, felt that forcing 1 East Gopen the quarterlight of a car East Grip parked across a defendant's West Susgarage entrance in order to April 21.

move it and indeed, because he was "so annoyed and sngry", spreading marmalade on the driver's seat, was justified and the summons dismissed.

This is not to say that I condone such an action courtesy on the road should be everyone's motto-but just to put the record straight. Yours faithfully, R. O. HOWELL,

Secretary, 1 East Grinstead House, East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 1UF.

Engine's end disastrous

From the Canon Emeritus of Durham Carbedral. Sir, On Friday, April 18, Th Times gave some space to a article by your correspondent John Huxley, headed "British Shipbuilders seeks more stan aid "When I read the article was somewhat sleepy, on tra engine on the Wear. North-eas production will be concentrated on the Tyne at Wall send, with Sulzer and Stork Werkspoor engines.

The Doxford engine her recently yielded highly saving the product of the contract of the c

istactory results, owing to the Now, after meticulous care, and some delays, it is an assured fact that the Doxford engine is capable of using appreciatively less fush than any other mattine engine in the world. This is a fact of smaxingly great significance in view of the current energy problems which we must all face May I be allowed to ask you, Sir, why at "this moment we are faced with ending production of the only British designed engine, and replacing it with two engines

satel design I have known and admired the Doxford engine for 40 years. During the war years on the river Wear, we produced 27 per cent of the entire mer-A71 per cent of the entire merchant shipping tonange of the country. A large proportion of these ships was propelled by a Dorford engine, Research came perhaps somewhat late in time now it has had highly successful results. One can only hope that the matter is not allowed to rest there. The ending of the Dorford engine would be a disaster of the first would be a disaster of the first

Yours faithfully, GORDON HOPKINS

TOOTAL

Changes strengthen the Group for the future

Preliminary results for the year ended 31st January 1980....

	1979/80 £million	1978/79" £ million
SALES	390.4	401.4
PROFIT before taxation	14.6	21.1
EARNINGS on Ordinary Share Capital	9.2	13.4
EARNINGS per Ordinary Share	5.2p	7.6p
DIVIDENDS per Ordinary Share	3.1415p	3.0415p

Trading conditions particularly affected parts of our U.K. textile activities and major restructuring and changes in marketing policy have been initiated; the costs of these, and the closures consequent upon them, have been borne in the year's accounts, whilst the full benefits will not be felt until 1981/82.

The major disappointment has been in North America where the results of Ups 'n Downs, the retail business acquired last year, proved unsatisfactory, particularly in its menswear shops, but corrective action is beginning to yield results.

The outcome was also affected by the further strengthening of sterling which reduced the profitability of exports, increased the competitiveness of imports and reduced the sterling equivalent of profits of overseas companies. At the same time, the substantial increases in interest rates in many parts of the world, especially the U.K. and North America, have led to the much higher interest charge.

The Board is confident that the further development of the more profitable areas. will strengthen the Group for the future and provide a firm base on which we can build. Therefore, although the current year is doubtless going to be difficult for the whole of industry, the Board feels justified in recommending the maintenance of the final dividend at the same rate as last year.

The Report and Accounts will be posted to shareholders on 30th May 1980; and the Annual General Meeting will be held in Manchester on 25th June 1980.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Dunlop's depressing decade

he tenth anniversary of the Pirelli union is turned into a wake for Dunlop where 179 profits are at their lowest point since e link-up was heralded as the shape of ings to come for European mergers. For e third year in a row profits have fallen arply, and with none of the usual seasonal

arply, and with none of the usual seasonal cond half improvement operating profits arge marginally lower at 164m. But with a fall in associate profits, chiefly an the Pirelli companies in South nerica, and a f13m jump to 147m in ancing charges pre-tax profits slumped per cent to 129m. Worse still European ses are ungroupable for tax purposes ching up the tax charge to 97 per cent. shing up the tax charge to 97 per cent, I leave shareholders without a brass thing at the attributable level, after £13m 1978 before the £18m cost of Speke's

There is no shortage of explanations for grim outcome-sterling's strength has exports, interest charges are higher le strikes have cost the group £10m. But main problem is still the European a operations with United Kingdom losses from £8m to £11m and Dunlop is not ecting the improved world tyre supply-land to move into its favour until the and half of 1930.

nce again it has been the overseas rations that have come to the rescue hing up their operating contribution a £48m to £62m, to fill the hole left he £16m fall to only £2m at home. Tight trols have cut working capital by £6m ch combined with unchanged capital iding of £54m has left gearing uniged at 76 per cent of shareholders is despite a £31m cash outflow during

ne market was expecting the worst so maintained dividend and an encouragfirst quarter trading report helped the es improve 3p to 58p. The main supmust be the 13 per cent yield, ill with sales of almost £1,600m and the

est gearing it does not take much to form the bottom line but in the absence miracle such as Michelin falling under is it will be years before there is a ectable return on capital employed.

use of Fraser

10 runs the npany?

ag put paid to Graham Ferguson y's ambitions last month Lonrho has led to direct some aggression at its st single portfolio investment, House aser. Lonrho holds nearly 30 per cent raser's equity and its chairman, Mr d Rowland, is on the board of the ment stores group. But there is y no love lost between the two when 10 moves to get Fraser's final dividend ased from 5.7p a share gross to 8.5p. Lonrho case is that it is acting on a of principle in trying to get a special tion to this effect before Fraser's meeting next month; it simply feels Fraser could pay more given the tions during the years of dividend int, and that Fraser's dividend cover y be reduced to 1.87 times without

er stocks in the sector suggest that so; Debenhams dividend for instance ared 1.6 times. However, Fraser, which t increased its final dividend despite r trading year, will no doubt argue rudence is πecessary in the face of the of pressures on high street spending will develop as the recession wears

onrho does get its resolution before eeting then it will need a 75 per cent n favour to win the day. Fraser sharees are being asked to decide who the company—Lonrbo or the Fraser. At the end of the day it is as simple

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lering the problems of the engineer-idustry Vickers has done better than and figures indicate. True, profits are from £11.7m to £7.3m, largely because her interest charges and poor perform-of the office engineering and Australian companies, but Vickers scotchedrumours of a dividend cut by maintaining

the payment and the shares gained 5p.
The United Kingdom engineering side has been resilient enough to raise trading profits in spite of the engineering and transport strikes. This shows that rationalization measures are now showing through, though any real growth in lithographics will have to await the increase in capacity now in train: Finally total borrowings are only

slightly up.

For the future the sale of the reprographic interests will add £40m to cash resources and then, eventually, there will be compensation for the nationalized

shipbuilding and acrospace interests.

This could be worth perhaps 20Gp to 300p a share. At 120p the shares are on a fully taxed P/E ratio of 15 and yield 11.5

Grattan

Another

overhaul

Grattan's predicament was well leaked; even so the official news of a profits plunge from £11.28m to £4.45m and a maintained dividend of 8.99p gross is even grimmer than it looks.

First, Grattan has failed to find other concerns willing to partner it, or take it under their wings. Second, it is now to undergo a second management overhaul within months of the first, and has still not found a new finance director to pilot it. Third, the figures are bad.

Breakneck sales expansion which has given Grattan 11 per cent of the mail order market also brought it overdrafts of £18m and a £15m five-year loan at one per cent over interbank to set against shareholders' funds of £53m. So interest charges last year ballooned from £646.000 to £3.70m and only an addition to pretax profits of £1.97m reflecting a change in accounting practice for VAT stopped pretax profits from falling below the stated £4.45m.

Grattan, after making no money in the second half of last year could well do the same again in the first half of this, as higher postal and interest charges bite. The second half could be different if computerizing and streamlining get a following wind from recovering demand and cheaper money.

Meanwhile, the 12.8 per cent yield is not much bigger than on Debenhams or Woolworth; simply a lot more risky, until Grattan's management can prove that it can come to terms with the company's fundamental difficulties. The shares are 70p.

Tootal

Coping with rationalization

Tootal has coped well with the upheavals of the past and current year, costing some £8m in reorganization and closure costs taken below the line, though the sale of the Van Allan retail chain—which released £16.5m— £7.3m over book value—has taken care of

So despite the 30 per cent fall in pretax profits to £14.6m and a £6.6m fall in retentions to £2.8m, Tootal ended the year to January 31 with net borrowings £10m lower at £55m and only a small drop in net worth to £125m.

Now Tootal has to cope physically with the rationalization which involves concentrating garment manufacture, and spinning on fewer sites and sorting out some of its textiles activities. In the United Kingdom 3,000 jobs are going and most of these fall in the 1980-81 financial year this at a time when the textile cycle is reaching its nadir.

Tootal made virtually no profit in the final quarter of 1979-80 when retailer destocking began in earnest. With interest rates still high and, sterling strong the first half may be awful, depending on better final quarter trading conditions, full year profits might show a small improvement.

Current cost profits of only £600,000 included £5m losses from units being closed. By 1981-82 as rationalization pays off, Tootal is confident the dividend-up by 2 per cent gross—will be covered by current cost earnings. With the mostly healthy overseas operations providing nearly two-thirds of profits, a 16.9 per cent yield at 261p is attractive, enough to stay with the shares, but there is no hurry to buy.

Business Diary: Expatriates in the desert



The second prototype HSST train on a test run.

Technology

Levitation: answer to a Japanese transport problem

Kawasaki, Japan

From a somewhat makeshift (by apanese standards) test centre eminiscent of those British films which sought to illustrate the country's wartime inventive genius, Mr Shimitsu Nakamura and a team of development engineers from Japan Air Lines have been working on a remarkable vehicle.

It is the high speed surface transport: (HSST) now going through its paces on a piece of reclaimed land a few miles from the centre of this bustling industrial city. It is the team's answer to the problem of drastically cutting travel times over land

JAL initiated the research and development work on the HSST nine years ago. It used as a starting point work done in France and West Germany on a linear motor propelled electro-magnetic levitation system. The development work has now reached the point where more reached the point where more than 2,500 passengers have experienced a flight "at an altitude of 10 millimetres on HSST-02, operated by magnetic levitation with linear motor propulsion", as the JAL boarding card

says. The first unmanned test vehicle reached a speed of about 192 miles an hour more than two years ago and was quickly followed by the manned ver-sion which is able to carry a

pilot" and eight passengers. In its development work JAL has adopted an aircraft enginnas adopted an aircraft engin-eering approach to the concept with the operational prototype vahicle's lines resembling that of a foreshortened DCS aircraft. Levitation is produced by mag-

netic attraction. Magnets fixed on the side of the fuselage are drawn upward toward's anchor rails mounted on a track, producing the lift that raises the vehicle above the rail. Propulsion is through a linear induction motor which operates on the same principle as the conventional rotary elec-

into a flat shape.

Underlying the development was the desire to provide an effective and efficient means of ferrying passengers between Tokyo's new Narita intermational airport and the city centre—2 distance of about 41 miles. It was calculated that travellers could be whisked between Tokyo and the airport in tween Tokyo and the airport in a remarkable 14 minutes.

Peter Hill

doubt. However, JAL is going ahead with designs for a third pre-production prototype which, if all goes well, will require the construction of a new test track of 15 kiliometres at a cost estimated at 25,000m yen (about \$45m\$) £45m).

One of the factors influencing the Japanese transport minis-try's reluctance to commic it self wholeheartedly to the JAL project is the work being done by engineers of Japan National Railways, which has followed similar lines and has been car-ried out over a much longer

The railway engineers started work on their magnetically levicated motor car in 1962 and their diligence paid off shortly before last Christmas when their prototype established a new world speed record for a rail vehicle of about 323 miles an hour.

Earlier this year work began on the design and development of a passenger carrying proto-type, testing of which should begin this autumn. The full prois estimated to last three to four years.

The Japanese railways test version flies along the rail at a height of 10 centimetres a height or it centimeres above the track on a magnetic cushion created by the force of repulsion between two magnets. So far the railways have poured in an estimated 23,000m yen and a further 100,000m yen will be needed before the project reaches the

point of being commercial.

JAL refuses to say officially how much has been spent on its HSST project, but it has receive dsome aid from the government. Last year the transport ministry agreed to provide a further sum. That has now been carried over into the new financial year and will be prid only on condition that the airline agrees to form a research line agrees to form a research and development corporation outside its own operations— which will embrace steel-makers, electrical machinery companies and other major industrial concerns.

It appears that there is a fair amount of political infighting between the air-line and the officials of the a remarkable 14 minutes.

That dream has yet to be fulline and the officials or the filled. Though the vehicle's low transport ministry, but the hope noise level, clean operation and low energy. consumption are present difficulties will be settled within the next few months.

Predictably Mr Nakamura and his team are less than enthu-

siastic about imparting all the technical information they have assembled over the years to a larger and more diverse grouping. But if that is the price of going further, the indications are that JAL will pay it. The stakes in both cases ar

high and great prestige is attached to both ventures. In the background the designers and the engineers are beaver-ing away drawing up their next programme of development tests, while company executives and politicians search for an ascceptable agreement. Meanwhile, the JAL team

scored a propaganda coup earlier this month during the earlier this month during the state visit by King Gustav of Sweden. The king had indicated his wish to travel on the railways' world famous "bullet train", but the uncertainty about the timing of the now traditional one-day national railway strike meant that the royal wish went unfulfilled. Instead he went for a flight on the HSST at Kawasaki, where

on the HSST at Kawasaki, where JAL executives, never back-ward at coming forward, made it quietly known that if ever Sweden were to adopt the HSST it would cut the journey time for the 25 miles between Stockholm's Arlands sirport and the Swedish capital to only ten

Policies that hindered the car makers

Is Sir Michael Edwards, chairis Sir Mitchaet Edwards, Chan-man of BL, about to achieve a long sought after period of labour relations stability or is he facing continued disruption in his group?

in his group?

If the former, he will be praised for his tough, nononsense tactics in breaking down union and worker opposition. If the latter, public opinion will turn once none against what it sees as the idle, strikeprone and suicidal British car

The public has become used to seeing the motor industry
—and BL in particular—
portrayed in such black and
white terms—bad management write terms—oan management versus an anarchic workforce. But the truth, of course, is that the British motor industry's record of chronically bad indusindustrial relations is a symptom, not the cause, of a de-clining industry, one which has been the object of decades of government tinkering and interference.

Over the last 35 years successive administrations have formulated policies in the pursuit of social, economic and political ends that have at best contributed to the industry's frustrations and may have helped to bring it to the brink of extinction.

This thesis is supported by Peter Dunnett, assistant pro-fessor of economics at Royal Roads Military College and the University of Victoria, Canada. In his book on United Kingdom In his book on United Kingdom police towards the motor industry* published this week he says: "Overall, government policy dealing with the United Kingdom, motor industry between 1945 and 1979 was a failure".

More specifically, he argues that many factors have contri-buted to bad labour relations in the industry over many years, most of them government-inspired. Government pol-icies simed at increasing ex-ports, regional balance, labour reform, incomes control and so on have all contributed to poor

labour relations.
"Similarly if one looks for
the causes of poor product
ranges, dated designs, obsolete capital, unsatisfactory manage-ment and all the other prob-lems of the industry, government policy is frequently a factor at some time in the past frequently, as with labour relations, an important factor."
The history of the United Kingdom car industry since the end of the Second World War s punctuated with a series of attempts by governments to stimulate it, restrain it, reform it or use it as an economic regulator. Because it is a huge consumer of capital and labour and is an international industry

and is an international industry producing goods that everybody wants, it has been an ideal tool for governments in shaping economic strategy.

Sadly, Mr Dunnett says, much of the influence exerted on the industry by politicians was undesirable. From the introduc-

tion of ambitious export quotas-in 1946 to the end of the social contract in 1979 many unfav-ourable policies were intro-

duced. Stop-go demand management policies improved the country's balance of payments and forced more cars into the export markets, but also "reduced industry profits, discouraged investment, worsened labour relations emphasized the short-run tions, emphasized the short-run basis of exports and, for the long run, weakened the motor-industry and made it less com-

petitive internationally ". Regional policy introduced in 1959, was another Whitehall idea that did no good to the motor industry. "By forcing motor industry. By forcing a geographical dispersion of an already too fragmented industry, efficiency and international competitiveness suffered".

At the same time "an un-

suitable and fractious labour cohort" arrived on the motor industry scene intent, in many people's minds on exploiting car factory unrest and disatis-faction for political ends. Failure to reform labour

relations successfully (instead, reform aggravated labour relations) had negative consequences. Mr Dunnett says. The turning point for the United Kingdom motor industry, is the early 1970s, British cars were no longer internationally competitive, the Japanese were expanding their industry rapidly imports into the United

Kingdom were rising fast.

"By 1973 the balance of trade in cars, which for so many years had shown a healthy surplus was just about in balance. The long-run consequences of a quarter of a century's use of the United Kingdom motor industry as an economic regulator had finally come home."

There followed the two political dramas of the decade, which affected the motor industry. First came the ill-fated Ryder Plan for British Leyland and then the rescue of Chrysler (UK) by a reluctant government intent on political expediency and saving jobs rather than long-term economic

With the motor industry now less important, Mr Dunnett foresses a lessening of government involvement. predicts that as machines begin to replace men in the car assembly operation and as the United Kingdom's share of world markets continues to decline, that there will be an inevitable contraction of the workforce. The result-a grim prospect for an industry which prospect for an industry which has had a generation of instability—is that bad labour relations will remain as a plague in the nation's car

Edward Townsend

*The Decline of the British. Motor Industry, by Peter J. S. Dunnett; Croom Helm, £10.95.



Interim Statement

The Directors have pleasure in presenting an Interim Report for the six months ended 31st December, 1979 (unaudited).

Sixmonths to:	31st Dec., 1979	3istDec.,1578
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Sales	7,783	5,942
Profit before tax		737
Taxation.	87	38
Profitation taxation	1,479	699
Interim Dividend	107	78
Earnings per Share	(6.9p)	(3.3p)

Profits at the interim stage have more than doubled and the Directors have declared a Dividend of 0.5p per share, an effective increase of 37% after adjustment for the capitalisation issue in November 1979.

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£3 million from £1.8 million

announced last year.

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tyres that may sound You are mixing up D. H. Lawrence, Lady Chatterley and all that with T. E. Lawrence in my view the only Briton wres, that may sound e a stirring example of who really understood the Middle East and the Arabs."

perhaps it was. At any le comedy spot turned be a scratchy Flanders and recording of some-alled In the Desert. is to be believed, is a house built upon sand, and about how the Americans are reputed to British community in the have develloped a new mine to some 17,000 strong, by largest of the middle foreign nationalities

activated, would sink without trace within a year.

The expat target of these questions paused, took in our surroundings, an opulent openair nightclub on the shores of the Gulf, and said with an exasperated expression: "It all seems pretty peaceful here". Next day the big American car arrived to take us on the three-hour drive to Jabel Dhanna, a journey through the most primitive of landscapes. Every quarter mile or so you see the rusting corpse of a car—usually a Mercedes or Volvo. have chosen to land in il-rich brotherbood of lons, though one should at that the Indian and nkan immigrants, who to cogs of life turning. ther the natives almost British "expets", one es, are the only section UAE community to 0 Flanders and Swann. night in Abu Dhabi, I up in conversation a questions about the of Hormuz, which, as all -usually a Mercedes or Volvo. They remind one of the buffalo skulls by the side of wagon tracks in hoary old. ritish newspaper readers s the most sensitive spot

The Straits of Hormuz,

through which most of the West's oil passes, are lost far to the south, along with a less publicized threat to the peace of the Middle East, the islands blockade Iran which, if unactivated, would sink without
trace within a year.
The expat target of these
questions paused, took in our aloof from these,

matners. Towards Oman, the traffic Towards Oman, the traffic becomes heavier, punctuated by heavy lorries carrying industrial loads. Of the cars that we see, none are British. Petrol at 45p a gallon does not breed economy and there is no reason why it should.

Jabal Dhaina, a growing petrochemical complex, looms above the horizon, pumping smoke into the washed water-colour sky. For some reason I

colour sky. For some reason I thought of the ICI works on

The British community pene-

trates the UAE in every direc-tion. Even at the airport, United Kingdom passport holders receive preferential treatment. The British Ambas-sador has arrived for the open-ing of a new hotel; actually the hotel. He wants to speak to the local British community, something he feels he has not done for some time. "It's all very colonial", meone says. "It is a very someone says. "tight community."

Another expat responds when I start the endless round of questions formulated in London: "It's the media-you would never hear about all this if it were not for the media."
Perhaps not.
It must be difficult to feel insecure in Abu Dhabi.

I find the British here more a puzzle than anybody else. Two advertisements out of the Gulf Times: "Complete model railway layout, British steam landscaped baseboard, urgent sale"; and, a marriage " to take place at the British Embassy, Doha, on April 30". They should have been written in

Surrey.

The English tend to be colonial in the purest sense, existing for each other, taking little interest in world affairs, hoping one day to return home with a handsome bank balance. Such hopes are usually in vain, except for the highly skilled people who would earn large fees anywhere in the world.

Abu Dhabi for these who

Abu Dhabi, for those who want to work in the Middle East is the plum posting. It has one great advantage over its neighbours, which the British love most dearly—alcohol is not banned aithough there are res-

The guide books tell you a lot about places like the United Arab Emirates, but like most such publications they are selective with their advice. ... It is, for example, common

knowledge that taxi fares taxis heing one of the main forms of transport for Europeans herehave to be haggled over. What the guide books do not say is

how to haggle.

For the record, there is no more humiliating experience than manfully to walk up to a taxi and name what seems like a well-over-the-odds price only the hallower-the-odds price only the hallower-the-odds price. a wen-over-me-odds price only to be laughed to scorn by the driver, who then points out the vehicle behind. When the second driver begins to adopt second driver begins to adopt
the same attitude the neophyte
visitor may be forgiven for wondering whether he has somehow
grasped the wrong end of the
stick. The trick is: do not
haggle outside the taxi—get in
before you start arguing the
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toss. At least I have not yet been subjected to the experience which a colleague of mine had in this fair land some years ago. Having paid handsomely and in advance for a hire car to take him round Abn Dhabi for the day, he called on the driver to make for the airport where

his plane was use in less than an hour. Not until some 20 minutes or heeric driving had elapsed so of hectic driving had elapsed did my colleague realize that the driver was taking him on a road which led into the desert, not towards the airport. And the word the driver kept inton-ing was "B-A-K-S-H-E-S-H".

David Hewson

Brit Ministers' move to recycle oil wealth

The ministers and central The role the Fund will play the conditionality attached to hank governors of the Group of in recycling is due to be dis-10 countries yesterday agreed that the rescurces of the Inter-that the rescurces of the Inter-interim committee meets. The changes in economies in a state national Monetary Fund would pro have to be used to a greater extent than in the past in recycling the excess wealth of By Michae Transport

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the oil-producing nations. After a meeting of the group, Herr Manfred Lahstein, the state secretary in the West Gerran Finance Ministry and chairman of the Group of 10 deputies, said that delegates had agreed the IMF should be up to the task because it had very satisfactory liquidity

position at present. There was no need for the Fund to seek additional resources although if these should become necessary become necessary at some time in the future they would have to come to a large extent from those few countries in the world with a balance of psyments surplus.

The Fund has had to turn to the problem of financing the halance of payments deficits of the non-oil-developing countries which are now expected to reach \$67.500m (£29,867m) this vear from \$54,900m in 1979 and \$36,200m in 1978.

Shell UK yesterday said that it estimated it would pay a total of £9,500m in taxes on its North

Sea oil revenue between 1981

This did not include payments

taken in kind by the Government on the 121 per cent royalty. Of the £9.500m some £7.500m would be paid in petroleum revenue tax (PRT), the re-

mainder in corporation tax. The

take from PRT had increased by about £700m as a result of

the increase in the rate from

60 per cent to 70 per cent and changes in the timing of pay-

ments, instituted in the last

By Nicholas Hirst

Fund itself is keen to take on of imbalance. recycling functions but aware involved.

adequate at present, recycling are too stringent. The Fund is could lead to the IMF having expected to tell the interim one day to engage in borrowing committee that the interest transactions to increase its rates attached to the Witter-scope for assisting countries in veen facility, introduced after

balance of payments troubles. Larosière, the managing direc- defirit countries, could be subtor of the IMF, gave an indica-tion of the line he will take at It is

He stressed that the Fund would lend to countries as part of the recycling process in connexion with programmes to stabilize their economies and he advocated the IMF handling only part of the borrowing requirement of countries in difficulty. Not only would this conserve fund resources but it would encourage other sources

today's meeting.

to provide financial support. M de Larosière defended the Fund against criticism from developing countries by saying

provision has been made for

payments in its 1979 accounts

ferent accounting treatments.

of international companies, was

\$476m last year compared with a loss of \$26m in 1978.

although provision has been tax, made by Esso, Shell's partner in O

Shell's N Sea taxes '£9,500m over five years'

PRT at the end of this year year, and that they would not or the beginning of next. No raise substantially in real terms

all its fields currently in pro-duction. This is because of dif-83 and 85 per cent. The com-

of the Royal Dutch Shell group be followed by rises in taxes.

Despite rising oil production North Sea this year will be in the years to 1985, Mr John Raisman, chairman and chief executive, believed that profits will include the continued deve-

Net income for Shell UK, part rises in oil prices are likely to

However it would appear of the pitialis that could be that the IMF sympathizes with ayolved. those developing nations that Although liquidity may be complain that its lending terms the first oil crisis but hardly Yesterday M Jacques de ever used to finance small

> It is also expected to suggest liberalizing the scope of countries to borrow in respect of their quota obligations and that fund assistance could be supplemented by aid flows. It is also thought that M de Larosière will suggest that the Fund play a more active role in simple lending before the imposition of economic policy conditions is required.

Among delegates urging a greater role for the IMF in Tecycling yesterday was Herr Karl-Otto Pohl, the president of the West German Federal

Shell expects to start paying match the after-tax income last the Brent complex, Fulmar and RT at the end of this year year, and that they would not the "Flags" gas system from the beginning of next. No raise substantially in real terms. Brent, It is estimated that

over the next three or four years because of the increasing

pany now expects further

Its exploration and develop-

ment effort, however, is con-tinuing. Capital spending in the

On average the total tax borne

Bank. However, speaking for the Group of 10, Herr Lahnstein said the delegates attending yesterday's meeting agreed that the Fund and the World Bank should retain their separate identities, with the IMF specifically concerned with handling balance of payments deficits and invested with the power to impose policy decisions.

examined the remains of the project to set up a substitution account at the IMF after Wednesday's disclosure by Herr Hans Matthöfer, the West German Finance Minister, that real progress on this issue was no longer to be expected this

Herr Lahnstein said the ministers agreed that the account should contribute to the stability of the international monetary system and that the studies must take into account legitimate interests of the developing countries. These had been particularly critical plans to use IMF gold guarantee the account.

Shell's share of North Sea pro

duction will be 15 per cent in

Shell has agreed with the

state-owned British National Oil

Corporation to bid jointly for licences west of Shetlands to be

Shell's partnership with Esso

will continue in the North Sea, where all fields currently on

seventh round,

Peter Norman

Chemical restructure urged

By John Huxley
The European Commission was urged yesterday to encour age the restructuring of the western European chemicals in dustry, needed if it is to retain The Group of 10 meeting also its preeminence in world markets.

Mr Iain Steel, general mana-ger of RP Chemicals corporate planning department, accused the commission of taking an ambivalent attitude towards the industry's attempts to reorganize itself on an efficient, com-

petitive basis. "Our friends in Brussels have really got to stop taking this view. They should encourage inrestructuring to face external threats or accept that the European chemicals industry can no longer mainain its number one position in the world?

Mr Steel said.

Re told a conference on chemical feedstocks in the 1980s, held in London, that direct intervention by the cou-mission was neither desirable

aor necessary.
However, it should take a mature view" when ap-"mature view" when ap-proached on restructuring. In the past, the commission had been anxious to ensure that retrary to community competition policy.

Mr Steel said that the com-mission should act in a prompt and vigilant manner to protect chemicals from foreign dumping. Be also questioned the commission's a benevolent treatment of some rather welldeveloped developing nations" and the "special position" occupied by the East German

By comparison with EEC law, American unit-trust legislation was enlightened and more production are located. Shell is Raisman, chairman and chief on exploration. The remainder in 2,000ft of water, the deepest executive, believed that profits this year would be unlikely to lopment of the Cormorant fields, the British continental shelf. liberal, Mr Steel said. At present, western Europe is the largest producer of chemicals in the world,

FINANCIAL NEWS

Stock markets

Investors stay away as Middle East fears worsen

with the account drawing to a remain optimistic that there close, prices drifted similessly will be a reduction in United close, prices drifted similessly between narrow levels.

The worsening situation in Saudi Arabia and Iran leddealers to discuss the possibility of an eventual confrontation between the United States and Russia. Further gloom was cast by the NUR, which decided, surprisingly, to reject the British Rail offer of a 20 per cent pay increase. This was the final straw for investors who scuttled back to the sidelines to wait for the next bit of good

. However, the market was able to take some comfort from another long list of companies reporting, news and trading statements, Danlop allowed jobbers to breath a sigh of relief, with some full year figures up to expectations, accompanied by bullish forecast. This pushed the share price up to 58p as another 500,000 shares were sold to Far East interests fol-lowing further "active"

The figures inspired a few bargain hunters elsewhere. But buying was short lived, and while prices remained steady in late afternoon the FT Index closed 0.4 down at 434.8.

In gilts, a continuing bout of indigestion amid rumours of several new "raps" being announced today, proved all too much. Prices were lower right across the board as dealers reported small selling. The

general feeling was that inves-

End-of-account considerations for were being forced to sell market. But a spokesman and problems at home and overseas continued to confuse, the on cash and high interest rates. Plants to sell its holding market vesterday.

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Kingdom interest rates in the

Manoeures in the publishing world ... Howard & Wyndham, which passed the preference dividend in January, is rumoured to be selling its paperback division to Hu a subsidiary of Read later-national. Wandham's ordinary shares were inchanged last.

ranged between 14 and 14 with a lot of interest diverted to the latest rally in the United States bonds market.

Unilever, again encountered further heavy selling in blue chips following its recent bearish annual report. The shares slipped another 2p to 438p.

Others to lose ground included at 362w. Clave at 2020. ranged between £1 and £4 with ICI at 362p; Glave at 202p. Fisous at 282p and Beechams at 117p. Only Courtsulds could resist the trend rising ip to

The Monopolies Commission's decision to give Mr C, Y. Tang's decision to give Mr C, Y. Tang's Overseas Containers the ali-clear to bid lifted Furness Withy 27p to 498p. This in turn boosted Fashion & General Investments with a koldaist my Furness, 18p to 213p in a thin

Go to 301p while Linkon decision to ask shareholders: It is case a shedow ever already glosmy foods seen Sharehold United States sup In shorts prices fluctuated their debut at £13 yesterd all day but were £1 lower at and immediately sparked the close, while in longs falls speculation that they might on the acquisition trail. A cr bination of both these eve left most of the major sup-markets easier. Tesco dipt 4p no 57p, Sainsbury &p to 20

> The stores, the recent pro-downgrading from MFI c mined to take its toll, with shares stading another 2p at 6 and a maning another 2p at 6 as prospective sniner Sia Discount shed 3p at 3Sp. Har Quickness were also 2p low at 1939; ar sympathy, with maked feelings over the rep from Grattan Warehouses I the shares unchanged at 7 after 77p. Rumbings for Lembs 2p off at 84p, that was after a basic divide was after a bugger divide from House of Fraser knock the larger 40 at 1350.

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Equity cornover on April was 198 432m (12711 bargain Active stocks yesterday, acrosing to the Exchange Telegrawere BAT. Lasmo. Prem Cons. Ultramis. GEC. Burm. Cornsibles. ICI. Tricentifican Tesarrange. Beecham. IC. Emberg. Beecham. IC. Burd. Barclays.

Year ended 31st December	1979	1978
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Turnover	272.2	246.9
Exports	35-9	32.8
Profit before tax	36.2	30.4
Profit after tax	28,2	20,0
Capital expenditure	31.3	26.5
Shareholders' interest	160.5	II2.I
Earnings per share	20.9p	15.7p
Dividends per share	5.0p	3-7P

Growth continues Record profits for fifth successive year

'The effect of strikes in the U.K. meant effectively the Group operated on a ten-month year ... once again industrial action is going to prevent us from fulfilling our potential ... we shall make every effort to minimise the damage - we continue to do everything we can to expand and ... drive the Group forward.

Peter Goodall (Chairman)

Other salient points from the Chairman's circulated statement

Although a number of factors, many completely outside our control, had an adverse effect on our performance, 1979 continued our growth and profits advanced to record levels for the fifth successive year.

We continued in 1979 as we have in past years to do everything we can to expand, update and modernise our business. Our efforts in research and development have been maintained.

[] As our home markets decline our exports become more and

more vital to us ... It is a matter of utmost gravity and concern that the rate of inflation should be brought down to enable us to compete in foreign markets with nations whose rate of inflation is very often. less than one-third of ours.

We have indeed a lot going on ... we are committed to the long term growth and expansion of the Group; we are anticipating capital expenditure at the rate of some £40m a year over the next three years to meet the growth which we see before us,

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the 14th May in London. Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, Genefax House, Topton Park Road, Sheffield S10 3FJ.

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Company	Sales	Profits	Earnings	Div	Per Year
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Cradley Printing (1)	1.3(0.92)	0.16(0.12)		Y Finding	<i>(</i> , − −1, −)
Dunlop (F)	1,569(1,487)	29.0(46.0) -	-(9.1)	2.65(2.65)	5.3(2.65)
Ellis & Goldstein (F)		1.5(1.8)	4.7(6.1)	1.3(7)	4/6 2.3(2.1)
Flight Resuelling (F)		2.4(1.9)	17.5(23.9)	₹.95()	2/7 3.1(2.4)
Francis Sumber (F)		0.35(0.69)	1.88(1.48)		16/6 0.65(0:79)
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P& W Maciellas (F)	20/201	0.13(0.15)		0.93(0.93)	1.43(1.43)
Maxims (F)	2.31(2.30)	0.08(0.06)	22.7(15.6)	6.0(5.5)	
Mod Eng (Bristl) (F)		0:35(0:34)	8.03(5.32)	2.0(1.62)	3.0(2:51)
Rush & Tomkins (F)	81.7(61.2)	1.6(1.1)	10.1(9.2)	2.50(2.2)	3.793.23)
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Safeguard Inst (I)	()	0.45(0.35)		1.8(1.5)	13/6 -
Shetfield Twist (F)	27.6(25.9)	1.6(2.3)	6.3(4.1)	2.22(2.0)	16/8 -
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The poor results of 1979 are a reflection of the impact of many factors that were largel outside the Group's previous trading experience. In particular, the strikes that bedevilled the whole of British Industry, including the internal industrial dispute at the Bedford Division and the lorry drivers' strike in the first six months of the period, followed by the Engineers' national strike in the second half of the period, seriously interrupted output, which was only partly made up in the last three months of the year. The actual loss of output was approximately £10 million which resulted in a loss of: £2.5 million of profit. These interruptions to output led to a considerable build up of stocks and work-in-progress necessitating a rapid build up of borrowing which together with the very high interest rates, caused a large increase in the cost of financing

Having regard to the current levels of output and the current state of the order book. the Board takes an optimistic view of the future and therefore is recommending a final dividend of 3.08p per share to maintain the gross dividend for 1979 at the same level. as for the previous year.

Copies of the Report and Accounts for the year will be sent to shareholders on 15 May

scores high with energy stocks

* Near 12% growth in 6 months to 29 February.

* Net purchasers in Far East ar Australia, and in Britain.

* International spread and concentration in energy stocks major contributors to this result.

Linfood Holdings Payout held as Amalg Power falls to f1 5m with rights issue

Cash and carry and super-urkets group Linfood Hold-is is asking shareholders for 1.5m via a rights issue to luce short-term borrowings luce short-term bo d finance expansion,

The terms, unveiled yestery, are one new ordinary share , are one new ordinary snare every four existing shares one new share for every nominal of the group's 12 cent loan stock 1988/90. new shares will be offered

in the announcement Linfood res dropped 8p to 134p, ering the discount of the its' price to 12 per cent, and ing the company on its ning 33.7 million shares at

infood's last rights issue five years ago when it ed just over £1m. Since then ias been on a fairly conent acquisition trail culming with the £34m agreed bid Wheatsheaf Distribution and ling, in May 1978 ver the past two years Linhas spent £15m on expan-

, funded mainly from re-ad profits, bank facilities property disposals as a lt of rationalization tat almost complete, Linis anxious for more hyper-ter space to add to the 100 square feet operated by

ment will cost an estimated 19m over the next two years, In addition it has tendered for another district centre in East London, and has an option on a Croydon site—where a planning inquiry starts in the autumn — and another in southern England.

Mr David Linnell, the manag-ing director, said; "We thought it was the right time to ask for more capital. We have been busy reorganizing after the Wheatsheaf merger and this is time for another stage in our development."

Backing the cash call is a promise of not less than £13.5m profits for the year to the end of April against £10.8m last time. After a 25 per cent rise in interest charges to £4m, pretax carnings will come out at 10.85t a guarter better a £19.55t. least a quarter better at £9.5m. On those figures Mr Linnell

intends paying a gross final of 10.714p which will be paid on the new shares. With the interim, the total will go up from 14.12p to 15.7143p a share. Next year the group which runs 254 stores, 45 warehouses, 87 cash and carry outlets and five bypermarkets, hopes to give a detailed breakdown of earnings. By then it will have put the 11 companies which it now

to £1.5m

By Our Financial Staff

Amalgamated Power Engineering's profits fell from £6.7m to £1.5m last year but the group has maintained the total dividend as a sign of confidence, and the shares, already discounting bad news, held steady at 77p. The directors said yesterday

that a strike at rheir Bedford division and the lorry drivers' strike hit first-half earnings, and the second-half was affected by the engineering strike.

These "seriously" disrupted output which was partly made up in the final three months of last year, but cost £2.5m in lost profits.
Short term deposits of Q.Sm

ended the year as borrowings of \$5.6m and the group's interest charge rose from £160,000 to £1.7m. This brought trading profit, already down by half, to a pre-tax figure 77 per ceut lower at £1.5m.
However, the directors said that with current levels of outpur and the state of the order hook, they feel optimistic for the future and have recommended a 4.4p gross final giving will be made by a consortium of City Institutions for the commendation of the comments of the commendation of the com

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during 1979.

their working lives.

Equity earnings rose by 83 per cent. to R127.9 million for the year

ended February 28 1980 and dividends distributed more than

doubled to 525 cents a share. The value of investments rose to

R2 246 million as against R1 103 million. Both earnings and the

value of investments substantially exceeded any figures achieved

previously and it is worth noting that this is the first time that

These results clearly reflect the greatly increased gold prices prevalent

The gold mines' working revenue from gold increased by 46.7 per

cent to R5 666.3 million, which also reflects the 3.3 per cent.

average appreciation in the value of the rand in US dollar terms and a

drop of 0.2 per cent. in gold production. While the total capacity of

the gold mining industry continued to expand in 1979 with an

increase of 6.9 per cent, in ore milled, this was more than offset by a

7.5 per cent, decrease in average grade, to 8.19 grams a ton, which

resulted in a merginal reduction of gold produced from 704.5 tons

to 702.8 tons. This trend is likely to continue as the higher gold prices

enable mines to turn to account lower-grade ore, thereby extending

The slower rate of increase in working costs per ton milled, which

had been a feeture of the previous year, continued during 1979;

costs per ton rose 11.0 per cent. compared with 13.7 per cent. in

1978. This increase, coupled with the drop in grade and increased

tonnage milled, resulted in an increase in unit working costs of gold

of 20.4 per cent. to R3 464 a Lilogram or \$128.29 an ounce. Working

Uranium profit, State assistance and sundry revenue resulted in

total profit of R3 537 million, compared with R2 073 million in 1978.

Capital expenditure on producing mines increased substantially by

54 per cent. to R689 million. Profit after providing for capital ex-

penditure therefore amounted to R2 848 million as against R1 825

million to 1978. Taxation and State's share of profits almost doubled

to R1 703 million, leaving distributable profits of R1 145 million.

z 66 per cent, increase on the 1978 figure of R688 million. Of this,

dividends declared absorbed R963 million, being 76 per cent.

Amgold's investment income ross by 80.0 per cent to R133.9

million from R74.4 million lest year which included receipt of a third

dividend from Gold Fields of South Africa Limited amounting to

to R1.2 million during that fourteen month period. Interest earned

increased from R0.6 million to R1.3 million but there was no under-

writing commission (1979: RO.2 million) and the surplus on

realisation of investments declined from R1.6 million to R0.1 million,

Administration, prospecting, interest and other charges fell from

Pre-tax profit at R130.5 million was 81.6 per cent, higher than lest

year and there was no provision for taxation. After deduction of

preference dividends equity earnings were R127.9 million or 582.8 cents a share, of which R115.2 million, or 525 cents a share,

was distributed in the form of ordinary dividends, Retained earnings

The spectacular rise in the gold price was virtually uninterrupted

between May 1979, when a short period of consolidation ended,

and January 1980. The London market price broke through \$300

in July and the \$400 level was attained at the beginning of October.

After a brief reaction, the \$500 barrier was quickly breached by the end of 1979 and the price continued to rise in unprecedented fashion

to \$850 on January 21. It fell by more than \$200 in the following

few days and then fluctuated, at times widely, in the \$600 - \$700

rates in the United States to levels beyond those anticipated as

necessary to curb excessive credit demand was sufficient to spur a

widespread movement from commodities to dollar financial assets,

despite continuing economic and other uncertainties. The gold

price fell subsequently to the \$500 level by March 14 and, in the

wake of President Carter's announcement on that day that fiscal

and other restrictive measures were to be introduced, declined to

reach \$474 on March 18 1980. It soon recovered, partly in reaction to

the announcement that South Africa would not have to sell its

entire gold production, and over the past few weeks has fluctuated

In considering the period to the end of February 1980, a remarkable

feature which has characterised the gold market since December

1978 is the fact that the price increase was expressed almost uni-

formly in other major currencies, as well as the dollar, with the price

in yen terms rising to the greatest extent. By contrast, in 1978, when

the dollar price rose strongly, the price in terms of Deutschemarks

increased only moderately and that in Swiss francs and Japanese

These patterns reflect a fundamental change in the structure of the

market that had emerged by late 1978 and which had a profound

influence during the past year, namely, the growing propensity

for diversification, not only from dollar-denominated assets but also

Overriding doubts about the United States' ability to subdue inflation

and the consequent effect that continued disarray in the world

monetary system would have on international money supplies, given

the already intractable political situation in the Middle East, imparted

a new momentum to this trend. More specifically, efter some relative

stability in the gold price in the early months of 1979, associated to a

degree with a recovery of dollar strength, the inescapable implications

of the Opec oil price increases caused the gold price to regain its

upward momentum. Uncertainties, compounded by the renewed

weakness of the dollar, were allayed only temporarily by the Voicker

restrictive monetary package in October. Subsequent events in Iran,

paper currencies in general.

range until early March. By then, however, the increase in interest

amounted to R12.7 million compared with R14.9 million in 1979.

profit rose by 76 per cent, to R3 101 million.

more than in the previous year.

Amgold's earnings have exceeded R100 million.

International Thomson profits up

By Our Financial Staff

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Profits of International
Thomson Organisation, the
Toronto-based parent company
of Times Newspapers Ltd, rose
from £136.7m before tax in
1978 to £165.2m last year,
despite a sharp increase in the
losses from United Kingdom
national newspapers because of
the costs of the closure of
The Times and The Sunday
Times.

Losses on the United King-Losses on the United King-dom national newspapers in-creused from £1.3m in 1978 to £39.3m last year, on sales reduced from £66.3m to £13.1m. However, these losses were very largely offset by an in-crease in the profits from Thamson's oil and gas opera-tions, which rose from £75.5m to £103m, after the payment of to £103m, after the payment of petroleum revenue tax (which was more than doubled at £73.3m as against £32.4m).

Martlet, the DIY division of collapsed toy giant Dunbes Combex Marx, may be sold to its executive directors under a plan unveiled last night.

Five directors said that they are invested in an effect that

issued share capital of the com-

was a setback in publishing, where profits fell from £7.2m

of petroleum revenue tax, but before other taxes and interest charges, declined from £114.1m to £98.7m.

In all, profits after deduction

ship.
Those invoived are Mr Peter

Lewis, Mr Basil Feldman, Mr Stephen Fearson-Wilson, Mr

John Chariton and Mr George

Mr Lewis, chief executive of £6m Martlet, said: "The market ness

Directors may buy Dunbee unit

Burnett.

The travel side also did well, with profits increasing from £17.3m to £21.2m, on sales up by about a third from £152.1m to £205.5m.

The United Kingdom regional newspapers showed a marginal improvement, with profits up from £13.7m, but there was a setback in publishing, or convertible share was paid on publishing, or convertible share has now per convertible share

per convertible share has now been declared. The ordinary dividends will absorb £2.6m in all, and the convertible divi-dends £16.6m.

Mr Michael Brown, formerly finance director of Thomson British Holdings (the principal United Kingdom subsidiary of International Thomson), has been appointed a joint deputy managing director of the com-After crediting 54m for taxes
Provided for in previous years, and now no longer required, the main tax charge has declined from \$58.5m to \$248.9m. Attributable earnings, in consequence, amount to \$41.4m, as

those of existing associates, so that in most cases there will be one prominent member firm operating in each of the 15 countries in which AMSA is represented.
Negotiations are in progress for the addition of other promin-ent national firms to the AMSA network, but these will be within countries where AMSA is pany, which DCM intended to float off as a separate group had it not gone into receiver-floated in the autumn of 1979

represented already.
The new federation will have its headquarters in Amsterdam, and will begin operations on floated in the autumn of 1979 had it not been for the prob-lems of its parent."

European

federation

formed

By Adrienne Gleeson

accountancy

Two large European accountancy firms have joined the continental associates of Arthur Young, McLelland Moores to form (with Arthur Young's offices on the continent), a new European federation of accountance of the continent of the continen

ing firms to be known as AMSA.

The practices of the two addi-

tions to the European network

Moret & Limperg/Moret
Gudde Brinkman of The Nether-

lands, and Schitzg Schwae-bische Treuhand of West

Germany—will be merged with those of existing associates, so

Martlet operates from 50 locations and employs 650 peo-Members of AMSA will employ some 5,500 people, and will have total annual revenues of more than \$225m. value of between 55m and fom has been put on the busi-

Steady rise continues at Haden Carrier

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Haden Carrier increased pre-tax profits by 38 per cent to £3.78m in the year to December 31 and remains optimistic that the steady improvement seen in recent years can be maintained in 1980. Group turnover, rose by 7 per cent to £202m in 1979.

The balance sheet has been strengthened, and Haden has taken out a new f7m mediumterm loan facility to allow flexibility in the future, although Haden has no specific use for it at the moment. Trading profits in 1979 from the main United Kingdom mar-

the main officer regularity was a f3.5m, reflecting pressure on margins, on a maintained level of business in building services activities. In the United States, where: Haden produces metal finishing

nauen produces metat rimissing and conveyor equipment for the automotive industry, profits also slipped from the exceptional level seen in 1978. But 1980 looks quite promising

Up 10p at 117p, the shares yield 12.2 per cent after a 13 peer cent increase in the gross

arrefour, the major High sainst the major High states like Tesco, Asda Sainshury, Linfood was to develop the West don District Centre which Anglo American Gold Investment Company Limited ationalization helps

oover recovery stic rationalization at er last year has turned a ous first-quarter deficit

619,000 into a profit of m in the three months to h 31. wever, the group con-

l vesterday that a sales
if just over film to f51m
ed a "significant" ne drop despite fairly int conditions in the stic appliance market. : figures coincided with uarter results from American parent, holds almost 71 per cent United Kingdom group's ury shares, showing a ent rise in net profits to (about £3.2m).

s of Hoover of the States rose 18 per cent t over \$215m during the months. ziency moves made by r UK lest year in a bid erse a five-year profits s included reducing the proce by almost 2,000 to 11,000.

were £3.6m, compared with £5.3m previously and £20.4m in

1975. The United Kingdom group said yesterday that last year action was beginning to take effect and that with improved labour relations the outlook was more encouraging.

A problem, however, continued to be the group's failure to meet demand for washing machines and vacuum cloaners. There are fears that this demand could begin to evaporate later in the year as consumer spending comes

under pressure. The group's hopes rest sub-stantially on the new range of automatic washing machines recently introduced in the United Kingdom, Hoover plans several new model launches in the United Kingdom and overseas in the next few months.

The group said that profits from Australia continued to

improve significantly but the 50 per cent stake in Hoover Holland produced a loss of £191,000 against a previous agginst a previous -year profits last time profit of £312,000.



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Preliminary Announcement

	78 months	12 months
	to 31st	ta 30th
	Dec. 1978*	June 1978
	£000	5000
Turnover	75,081	39;841
Sperating profit .	3,138	1,496
riterest	923	365
rofit before taxation	2,215	1,131
rofit after taxation_	1,489	562
. iamings per share - as stated	27.8p	
arnings per share - annualised	18.5p	10.1p
lividends paid and proposed	10.5p	5.84p
*From 1979 accounts are prepared to	31st December	each year

Record profits when 18-month figures converted to annualised basis - despite significantly higher interest charge.

Gross dividends increased by 15 per cent on an annualised basis.

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Continued growth £1.5 million profit for the year ended 31 December 1979

Turnover	1979 £13 065 229	1978 £10 451 296	Increase 25%
Profit before tax	£1 504 257	£1 104 469	36%
Samings per share	28-20p	21-54p	31%
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980 Outlook. Increased capacity available fr astallation of new equipment. Three new magazine ontracts and additional mail order printing obtained. year of further progress expected.

Fravure and litho printers Carton manufacturers

and then Afghanistan, appeared to reinforce the conviction that gold is the indisputable store of wealth in a precarious world situation.

In this environment speculative activity was bound to accelerate. indeed, in the United States the increased interest in gold last year was expressed largely through the forward market and record volumes in gold futures were recorded on the New York and Chicago commodity exchanges. The extraordinary fluctuations in prices early this year have been associated with similar marked variations in the extent of open positions in these and in the Far Eastern markets, whose activities have also broadened considerably.

Extracts from the review by the Chairman Mr. J. Oglivie Thompson

These developments combined to influence the demand and supply profile for gold in 1979. Preliminary indications are that the highe prices had an appreciable effect on gold consumption in the form of jewellery, particularly over the turn of the year, when a significant amount of dishoarding from the Middle East took place, and, to a lesser extent on industrial usage. Net official of official coins rose by 10 per cent, the 18 per cent, decline in Krugerrand sales from the record six million coins in 1978 being more than offset by increased sales of other coins, including the new Canadian Maple Leef. Supplies of bullion to the market in 1979 were approximately the same as in the previous year. New production in the West rose slightly but the most noticeable feature was a significant reduction in the sales of Soviet gold : the balance was made up from the IMF and by increased sales at US Treasury suctions. Given the supply situation, and in the light of the reported reduction in the total demand for fabrication, it has been estimated that not private purchases for investment and speculative purposes probably more than doubled in 1979 to approximate the 1974 level.

In assessing the outlook for the gold market in 1980, the impact on fabrication demand of dollar and other prices, currently still far above those prevailing throughout 1979, cannot be ignored. The sensitivity of demand to high prices is readily apparent, but the relationship is complex. When the price rose above \$400 last year most experts believed that the increase would have a definite impact on consumption and that it would fall, but not by as much as it did in 1973 and 1974. Despite recent fluctuations, and especially in light of recessionary prospects, this view cannot be disputed and Implies the need for corresponding gains in the investment area if supplies at 1979 levels are to be absorbed at around current prices.

However, while investment and speculative demands are volatile, the supply position cannot be taken for granted. The reduction in gold sales to the open market from Communist sources is an intriguing factor, the four-year programme of IMF auctions is nearly complete and no US Treasury sales have been held since last November. The debate now surrounding the possible role of gold in the proposed Substitution Account, which is to be discussed in Hamburg by the Interim Committee of the IMF on April 24, and other suggestions, which include central bank intervention of a resumption of convertibility for foreign officially-held dollar balances, confirm one ing result of recent events; the re-emergence of gold as the single most important component of international reserves.

It is not surprising that with this singular vested interest European central banks should have resisted attempts last year to persuade them to part with gold to dampen the price, or that prevailing attitudes In the US government and at the IMF, although still ambivalent, are considerably less negative than in past years. There can be no doubt that gold has been effectively remonetised; its role as a basis for national debt settlement, financing of trade deficits, security for official borrowing, expansion of the European Monetary System, new IMF schemes and in the financing of Opec-induced payments deficits has assumed noteworthy proportions, in the long term therefore, the perceived advantages of gold as a politically neutral and secure asset are bound to gain further ground.

Undoubtedly, the present situation is fluid, and there is no way of predicting how long it will be before interest rates in the United States reach a turning point or what course the IMF, the US government of central banks generally will pursue insofar as their gold stocks are concerned. Certainly, the US authorities have proclaimed their intention of retaining flexibility in this regard as part of their antiinflationary policy. Nevertheless, the underlying strength of demand is testimony to an awareness of the obstacles to restoring a proper balance in the American economy, although President Carter's recently announced package must be recognised as a major effort in this direction. However, other factors include difficulties envisaged in the required recycling of enlarged Opec surpluses, the economic implications of higher defence spending in the West and potential instability generally. I believe that there are sufficient interrelated and compensating elements in the intricate equation of supply and demand to ensure a relatively strong market for gold in the year shead.

Mining operations

Commendable efforts have been made by mine managements in containing the increase in working costs to 11 per cent. a ton particularly as there has been a tendency in the past for working costs to increase significantly following a sharp rise in the gold price. This has not occurred in the year under review even though overall costs of wages, materials and stores, including fuel and steel, increased

It will however be difficult to maintain this lower level of increase in the face of the projected rates of escalation of these items. Despite the higher gold price, it remains of great importance in a country in the grip of inflation to keep wage increases at a level which will not add to the inflationary spiral. On the other hand, wages of black emoloyees, despite the considerable improvements made in the 1970s. remain substantially behind those being paid for similar jobs in secondary industry and commerce. It is not defensible that mine employees, particularly those working underground in a rich industry, should lag behind other industrial workers and the least that must happen is that the industry should continue, as it has done over the past several years, to give greater percentage increases in wages to

its black workers than to its white employees. In fact, there is a powerful argument in the present circumstances of high gold prices. for accelerating this process so that black wages are brought more into line and the gap between white and black wages is closed more rapidly with a view to achieving a unified wage curve, as several other industries have done.

The shortage of skills in the mining industry and in the country generally has been a matter of anxiety for some time and now that the economy is showing distinct signs of growth it has become an immediate problem, inter alia, while difficult to quantify, it has already made an impact on the costs of existing operations. It is estimated that the current shortage of skilled officials and union employees in the industry numbers some 1,040 people, of whom 400 are artisans and 260 certificated miners. Furthermore, from past experience, it is accepted that labour mobility increases in times of an economic upturn. This does not augur well for the supply of skilled labour to existing operations, let alone to new operations resulting from the higher gold price.

Considerable expenditure on olf- and on-the-job training programmes, and the amployment and stabilization of a more sophisticated labour force are areas receiving urgent attention. Such an effort can only really be justified if undertaken within a labour structure which enables all individuals to use their skills to maximum potential. Forward planning of the development of the labour force is imperative in a new environment where there will be equal opportunities, equal pay for equal work of equal value, and the right to trade unionism for all.

In this regard the publication of the Wiehahn and Riekert reports on industrial relations and labour mobility was a major development in the South African labour field. The government adopted a cautious attitude towards the Commissions' recommendations particularly in regard to the admission of blacks to mixed trade unions. Fortunately there are indications that the government may move in this direction, but a clearer indication of the timing of the implementation of all the recommendations is necessary for the effective utilisation of human resources. Fundamental to this are the remaining matters to be considered by the Wishahn Commission which is devoting its next report to the mining industry.

New developments and exploration

I mentioned in my last review that it had been many years since the mining industry had seen as many as four new mines being developed concurrently, those being Elandsrand, Deelkraal, United and Beisa. This trend has continued during the year with a number of announcements on new and possible projects.

Union Corporation Limited announced in December that a drilling programme on ground to the south of Beisa, held under gotion by its subsidiary. Beatrix Mines Limited, had delineated a potential gold mine of medium to low-grade ora.

Subject to negotiations with Western Ultra Deep Levels Limited. # new shaft system is to be developed in the southern portion of the Western Deep Levels' present lease area.

A preliminary feasibility study of the area west and south of The South African Land & Exploration Company Limited's previous mine workings, and centred on the old No. 5 shaft of Van Dyk Consolidated Mines Limited, has delineated a potential gold mine area.

Doornfontein Gold Mining Company Limited has made application for a new lease formula to incorporate the area to the south of its present lease and the life of the mine could be significantly extended. Progress on other new developments has been satisfactory.

The tempo of gold exploration was increased considerably during the year and will escalate further in the coming year.

Conclusion

The very substantial increase in the gold price has given rise to further examination of the expansion prospects of the industry. Even at prices significantly below the current levels, possibilities exist for development of orebodies which have not previously been viable and the new stage of the development of the industry in bouth Africa, which began with Elandsrand, Deelkraal, Unisel and Beisa, has continued during the year with expansion at existing mines.

The increased gold price has not been met by an acceleration in the rate of inflation in working costs. Clearly the challenge to the industry, to maintain the strictest possible control over working costs, remain and is perhaps even stronger now, in the light of rising rates of inflation worldwide, than it was a year ago.

It is against a background of inflation and of widespread political uncertainties that the gold price must be viewed. Preliminary estimates suggest that net tonnage purchased privately in 1979 was about the same as in 1974, although this did not represent such a high proportion of the demand for gold. The average gold price for the year to date is \$621.94, and the price at the time of writing \$532.00, both substantially higher than last year's average of \$307.14. The maintenance of this level of price is clearly dependent on future supplies, the degree to which industrial demand proves sensitive to price and on the continuation of the political and economic factors which lead to investment and speculative demand. However, gold has again established a monetary role and its position as a long term store of wealth can rarely have been more widely recognised.

Your company holds a portfolio of good quality gold and uranium mine shares as well as participations in interesting new prospects and I am confident that it will benefit from the expansion of production by both existing and new producers.

The Annual General Meeting of this Company will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, on June 4, 1980. Copies of the annual report may be obtained from the London Office at 40 Holborn Viaduct. London EC1P 1AJ or from the office of the United Kingdom Transfer Secretaries, Charter Consolidated Limited, P.O. Box 102, Charter House, Park Street, Ashford, Kent TN248EQ.



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FINANCIAL NEWS

Modest advance at Borg-Warner

Borg-Warner Corporation bas reported a modest increase in carnings and sales for the first quarter of 1980.

Mr James F. Bere, the chairman, told the annual meeting in Chicago that first quarter earnnas were \$35.9m or \$1.68 a share, compared with \$35.2m or \$1.65 a share, a year ago. Sales for the quarter were \$680m, up from \$631m a year ago.

Mr Bere said the company's increase in sales and earnings in the face of difficult market conditions was attributable to a strong improvement in its ser-vice-related businesses and continuing strength in chemicals and plastics.

"Borg-Warner has enjoyed 19 consecutive quarters of im-proved results." Mr Bere said. "Maintaining this string of im-provements will be a difficult challenge, especially in the second quarter which last year was the strongest three-month period Borg-Warner ever had."

Downturn for Bell Canada

Bell Canada's unaudited consolidated earnings for the first quarter of 1980 were 55 cents common share compared with 65 cents for the same period in

Non-consolidated those of the regulated telecom-munications company, were 46 cents a common share, com-pared with 55 cents in 1979, the first quarter non-consolidated rate of return on average rate of return on average common equity was 9.84 per

Non-consolidated revenues from Bell's telecommunications operations increased by only 7.7 per cent while operating exincreased by 16.1 per

Consolidated revenues for the quarter were CS1,384m, com-pared with S1,223m last year.

International

Consolidated net income was compared with CS103.5M in 1979.

The 1980 results do not re-

Sohio income soars

Standard Oil of Ohio re ported net income for the first quarter of 1980 of \$450.7m, an increase of 169 per cent on

fourth quarter.

Montefibre, a synthetic fibres subsidiary of Montedison of Italy, reduced losses in 1979 to 86.500m lire (£43m) from 90,300m lire in 1978. Turnover

The company is waiting for government approval for a 260,000m lire financial rescue

Zapata Corp has reported net income of \$18.3m for the six months to March 31, up sharply from \$10.8m a year

The company reported net income per share of \$1.93, compared with \$1.19 in the 1979 period. Revenues were \$292m, against \$242m in 1979.

Sale of stores by Kitchen Queen

to carpets group whose chair-man resigned earlier this year as it forecast a six-month loss.

It is understood that the move is part of a rationalization plan by the new chairman Mr Len Morris, who took over from Mr Neville Johnson-the man who started the business, brought it to market 18 months ago and resigned mid-January selling a major slice of hi

Mr Morris was unavailable for comment last night, but it is believed he wants to prune some of the 44 stores which came when Kitchen Queen paid

Mill a year ago.

The company's new brokers. Panmure Gordon, have can-celled a seminar with KQ's in-stitutional shareholders, due to be held yesterday, because an accountants report on the company-where Price Waterhouse were appointed joint account-ants at the and of February-

rs said: "We had planned

The accountents' report should include the group's half time figures for the six months end-

ing February.
According to the company's statement last January, there will be a group loss of £300,000.

The Moben subsidiary, which Kitchen Queen bought in a £5m deal last November is expected to produce a £1.2m profit com-pared with a forecast made at the time of the acquisition of £1.5m for the whole year. Losses on the group's manufac-turing division in the first balf have been estimated at £1.1m and on retailing at £400,000.

Highlights from the 1979 statement by

Edwin W. Phillips, MBE, Chairman of Friends' Provident

Friends' Provident

announces record

bonuses

"I am pleased to declare bonuses at record levels on all classes of

with profit contracts in the U.K. and Republic of Ireland."

and overseas...

Our Canadian company, Fidelity Life, is also moving into a period of growth from

In Australia, following the consolidation of our original business with the funds we

Investments approach

£1 billion...

Our continued growth was reflected in

which are fast approaching £1 billion. The

world-wide yield on the average funds increased from 10.84% for 1978 to 11.42%

Our property side has had an extremely

busy year, tidying up the Land and House portfolio, pruning secondary properties and establishing a new link with Frincon

Our Managed Pension Fund has had a good second year, virtually doubling

have recently commenced an Individual Managed Fund

to extend similar investment

advantages to executives and

directors of smaller companies.

in size to £24 million. We

the market value of all our investments

its present stable, but still small, base.

took over recently, we are now able to

substantial growth.

embark on an ambitious programme for

£4.9m for Efco Mfg, an unlisted Australian company which makes and sells door furniture, such as locks, latches, handles, knobs and associated equipment to architects and to the building industry. It has a factory in Sydney, and distribution Sydney, and distribution branches in all the major

Australian states. The assets of Efco as at June 30 were £1.5m. Profits for the period amounted to £1.006m on sales of E3.45m.

The purchase price will be satisfied partly in cash, and partly by the issue of 2.37 new ordinary shares of Smiths. These shares will not rank for the interim dividend for the year to August 2, 1980, of 3.7p. The ordinary shares have been placed on behalf of the vendors.

Ellis & Holdstein

slips to £1.65m

Turnover at Ellis & Goldstein (Holdings) for the year to January 31 rose from £35.6m to £40.9m. Pre tax profits were just £1.65m against £1.82m. The dividend is 3.28p gross against

At present spring 1980 retail sales are ahead of last year, and will be assisted by the gradual reestablishment throughout the year of the shop-within-stores units in Debenhams. The autumn collections are being shown against the background of continuing Inflation, high interest rates and understandable caution by retail customers, board

says.

The directors are to recommend that the 5p shares be written up to 15p shares.

Walter Lawrence

reaches £2.2m Taxable profits of Walter Lawrence, an industrial holding company, reached £2.21m over the 18 months to December 31 compared with £1.13m for the previous 12 months. This

E75m against £39.8m. The board says that profits and turnover were ahead everywhere, except at Walaw Plant Hire, where a substantial loss was incurred. This company was incurred. This company turnover for 1979 at £14.07m has been restructured, and an compared with £11.35m and pre-

was achieved on turnover of

Annualised earnings a share are 18.5p against 18.1p, and the dividend is 15p against 8.86p

British Asset Trust profits up £1m

British Assets Trust's income for the half year to March 31 rose to £3.8m from 52.7m a year earlier. Pretax profits-were 11m higher at 12.94m. Earnings a share were 1.86p

against 1.12p and net asset value a share was 91.1p compared with 100.1p. As a result of an increase in

the quarterly dividend, the total payout for the year will amount to 5.21p gross, against 4.43p gross the year hefore.

Because of an industrial dispute at a subsidiary, audited oup accounts for Hapkinsons Holdings for the year to February 1 are not vet available. However, the board expects that trading profit will not be significantly less than in 1978-79, although an increase in net

Hopkinsons Holdings

a second interim of 5.92p gross, making 8.07 gross. It is not expected that a final will be

interest payable will cause a

further reduction at the pretax

Turner and Newall.

Mr Stephen Gibbs, chairman of Turner and Newall, told the annual meeting that 1980 had started slightly better than 1979, although further action would have to be taken to reduce finencing charges and adequate levels estore

United Kingdom profitability.
Noting that the company's position overseas was much healthior, he said that the board felt sufficiently confident to consolidate the assets and earnings of the Zimbabwe subsidiaries into the group accounts this year.

Anchor Chemical moves ahead

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tax profits up from £422,000 to 5784,000. Tax took 5248,000 against 5178,000, leaving attri-butable profits of 5492,000 against £259,000.

Earnings a share rose from

9p to 17.7p. Shareholders are to collect a total dividend of 7.57p gross against 6.86p.

Mr H. K. Justi, chairman, says that the group's organization should enable it to deal effectively with the forecasted recession.

Pentland Industries tons £1m mark

Profits of Pentland Indus-

tries have exceeded £1m for the first time. The 1979 profit compares with £813.000 for 1978, and was achieved on turn-over of £25.8m against £18,2m. Earnings a share went up from 5.8p to 7.5p. The dividend is 1.8p against 1.26p gross.

trading profits has been achieved despite the sale of a former 51 per cent subsidiary Unican Foods, which contribu-ted £186,000 to group profits in 1978 before rax and minority The board therefore feels

The 27 per cent increase in

that the real growth rate during 1979 was far more sub-stantial than 27 per cent.

The first quarter of the current year shows "satisfactory growth".

Sheffield Twist drill up 14 pc

With turnover rising from \$25.9m to \$27.6m for 1979, Sheffield Twist Drill & Steel managed a 14 per cent increase in pretax profits to £1.28m. The dividend is 3.17p gross against 3.03p.

A change in accounting policy for deferred tax resulted in a credit of £1.4m against £1.13m which has been treated as a prior-year adjustment.

The board says that the results were adversely affected by a loss of production because of bad weather conditions, and the national haulage dispute in the first quarter followed by the national engineering dis-pute in the third quarter.

Briefly

P. & W. Maclellan: Turnover for 1979. 25.891m (£5.90m). Premx profit, £134,000 (£153.000). Dividend total, 2.04p (2.12p). Board state that recently announced closure will make a substantial reduction in both borrowings and interest charges.

Britannia Arrow Holdings: Chair-man says in annual statement that 1980 has started well and he looks forward to a continued increase in both progress and profitability. Gallsher: Sales for three months to March 31 £473.7m (£419.8m). Trading profit £29.0m (£16.7m). demonstrate a continua rightes demonstrate a communa-tion of last year's progress, but sales of tobacco products in June quarter this year are bound to be less than in March quarter. (Company is subsidiary of American Brands Inc).

S. Simpson: Turnover for half year to January 31, £11.61m³ (£10.90m). Pretax profit, £506.000 (£922,000). Interim 1.3125p (same). Steps have been taken to increase efficiency and rationalization, which will permit company to take full advantage of any improvement in world trade.

Maxims: Turnover for 1979, £2 3m. Maxims: Turnover for 1979, £2.3m

(£2.3m). Pretax profit £85,000 (£62,000). Eps 22.7p (£5.5p). Dividend 6p (5.5p). Proposed scrip issue two-for-one. Guest Keen & Nettlefolds : Annual report reveals SSAP 16 pretax profit for 1979 of £65m. On his-torical basis pretax profit amounted £101.4m.

London Brick: profits of £12.7m before taxation in the year to December 31 are reduced to £7.8bm under current cost £7.89m un

accounting.
Eurns Philip has bought £851,000
(about 36 per cent) of S. Hoffnung's 12 per cent convertible
unsecured loan stock, 1985-90, at
par to the sellers, excluding
broker's commission. Price represents increase over terms of proposal to holders made on April 12
which is contingent on ordinary
offer becoming unconditional and,
accordingly, terms are raised to
£1 per £1 nominal of stock.
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fi per il nominal of stock.

Francis Sumner (Hidgs): Turnover for 1979 was fi6.2m compared with fi5.1m in the previous year. Pretax profit was £359,300 (£693,400). Earnings per share were 1.88p (1.46p), final 0.1p, dividend is 0.14p gross (0.41 gross) making 0.92p gross (1.12p gross). A. & C. Elack: Turnover for 1979 £2.32m (£2.26m). Pretax profit £65,000 (£340,000). Dividend, 5.39p (same). Sales were severely affected by cutbacks in institutional spending in United Kingdom and by strength of sterling in overseas markets. Reduction in budgeted sales led to the reduced profit.

Safeguard Industrial Investments: Safeguard Industrial Investments:

Safeguard Industrial Investments: Interim 2.57p gross (2.14p). Pretax revenue for half year to March 31 £454,500 (£355.000). Revenue in second half not expected to show much increase over last year's figure. Nav per share 105.4p (114.4p at September 30).

Agricultural Mortgage Corp: Issue is announced of £2.5m 161 per cent honds, May 1, 1981, at £100 per cent.

Ben Bailey Construction : Turnover for half year to December 31, 1979, was £2.8m against £2.6m a year earlier. Pretax profit was 50.27m against £0.16m. Earnings per share were 2.505p (1.514p), Intering dividend is 0.62p gross (0.47p gross),

Cradley Printing: Sales for half year to December 31, 1979, were \$1.3m against £925,000 in the previous year. Pretax profit was £166,000 (£128,000). Chairman says it is impossible to predict outcome for year as much will depend on political and economic chimates.

Crouch Group: This property development and construction group has acquired Philip Flooring, and Jos. F. Ebner (1953), two companies specializing in the manufacture and laying of floors. Aggregate value at consideration is in the order of £30,000, of which £6,000 has been paid on account. FLIGHT REFUELLING : Turnover

for 1979, £15.85m (£11.054m) pre-tax profit £2.45m (£1.9m). EPS 17.52p (23.96p). One-for-two scrip
issue proposed. Dividend 3.1p net
(2.4p).

McKechnie Brothers up 27 pc at half year

Non-ferrous ... metal McKechnie Brothers shrugged contracts and not included off the worst effects of the these figures, comes to £169,0 engineering strike in the half after tax. year to January 31. Profits cose Mr. Ceri Mr. Cecil Taylor, the cha by 27.6 per cent on sales up by man describes the performan 23.2 per cent, though the inas satisfectory and he estimat

terim dividend is unchanged, the loss of potential tradi-The profits figure was 48.74m profits from the engineering against 26.46m while sales were strike at 2500,000. up from £553m to £68.2m. The He adds that all geographic areas showed "useful improvement" with the revival in a South African economy as good conditions in New Zealar being especially useful.

The interim dividend is unchanged 2,869 gross. T shards rise 3p to 102p yesterd to yield a historic 9.7 per co

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By Our Financial Staff
Ford main dealer Harold,
Perry Motors turned in a 31
per cent profits increase in1979 on sales up by 32 per
cent. The profits figure was
up from 43.76m to 14.93m and sales rose from £87.6m to

Profits from new cars were 35 per cent up en sales 28.1 per cent higher while commercial, vehicles profits were 54 per cent higher on sales of 25.4 per cent higher on sales of 25.4 per cent more duits. Other trading activities, including period, replacement parts and industrial equipment produced 33 per cent of total group operating profit.

In the first quarter of this year profits of £1.36m represent an 11 per cent decline from last year's level, despite higher volume sales. Profits from commercial vehicles, however, were up.

The board are proposing a one-for-one scrip issue. The final dividend is 5.7p gross, making a total for the year of 10p.

The shares fell 8p yesterday to 147p where they yield 6.8 per cent and sell ar four times stated earnings of 37p per share.

Appointments Changes at Thomson

Holdings Mr W. M. Brown and Mr J.
Evans are appointed Joint deputy
managing directors at Thomson
British Boldings, the principal.
United Kingdom subsidiary of
International Thomson Organisa.
tion, Mr. G. C. Brunton remains
managing director and chirt executive. Mr C. N. D. Cole and
Mr J. H. Sanvage are appointed
directors, Mr Cole, kittlerto
managing director and chief executive of Thomson Regional ecutive of Thomson Regional Newspapers, is appointed chair, man and chief executive of that

Newspapers, is appointed chairs man and chief executive of that company, and Mr. Sauvage remains chairman and chief executive of that chairman and chief executive of Thomson Travel. Mr. I. M. Clubb will join the headquarters staff of Thomson British Holdings as financial director, reporting to Mr. W. M. Brown. In addition. Mr. Clubb becomes chairman of Thomson North Sea in succession to Mr. W. M. Brown, who emiains a non-executive director.

Mr. Bryan Hildrew, managing director of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, has been elected the new president of the institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Mr. Peter J. Harper joins the board of John Laing as managing director of the group's products and trading activities.

Sir Barrie Heath, former chairman of CKN, has joined the main heard of Tunnel Holdings as a non-executive director on the refirement of Sir Edward Playfair. Mr. L. V. Hewitt, also a main board director, becomes managing director of Tunnel Cement; Dr. Nell H. Hampson, previously marketing director for ICI Polyurchanes in Europe, is appointed managing director of Stablex international Holdings.

Mr. R. H. Nicholson becomes chairman of Rank Xerox GmbH (Germany), subsidiaries of Rank Xerox Limited, of which he is a main board director.

Dr. Alan Robertson is now a member of the Halibax Building Society's London board of directors.

Mr. Ronald K. Will succeeds Mr. Seneral M. Danger who has



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* Accounts prepared under provision of SSAP15

Holdings Limited. In the Republic of Ireland, we are new decade. New premium income last year was £2.7 million, 35% higher than in 1978. Friends' Provident Life Office, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1QA. Telephone: Dorking (0306) 5055 and 24 branch offices. Founded 1832. Incorporated by Act of Parliament. Sums assured in UK exceed £2,000m.

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NEW SUMS ASSURED

flect the 5 per cent surtax announced on April 21. A pre-liminary assessment of the effect of this surtax on the consolidated earnings indicates that taxes would increase by about CS3m or 2 cents a share.

last year. Earnings a share jumped to \$3.67 from \$1.39. As part of the planned \$1,000m capital expenditure during 1980, construction of two drilling rigs for exploration activities on the company's Beufort Sea leases was started in the first quarter with drill

ing scheduled for the late

Montefibre

rose to 323,500m lire from 243,800m.

Trading results show

significant advances...

Overall new contracts produced annual

28% over the previous year. The new sums assured under these contracts were in

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In the U.K., new premium income was

£3.7 million higher than in 1978. In

September, we introduced a

new with profits policy

Multidowment, which

quickly proved popular

and is already rivalling

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best-selling individual

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to expand in the

premiums of £27 million, an increase of

excess of £1 billion for the first time.

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NEW PREMIUMS

Zapata profits up

Kitchen Queen, the furniture is trying to sell some of its 47

£2.1m for furniture group Knott

was not ready.

A spokesman for the stock-

to hold a meeting to tell the institutional shareholders exactly what the financial position of the company is. But the report is not ready yet. It should be finished in a couple of_weeks.

Smiths Industries' £5m bid

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Society's London board of directors.

Mr Ronald K. Will succeeds Mr Ernest M. Dawson, who has retired, as chairman of Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society.

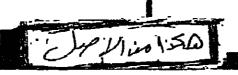
Mr Alan Ramsden, will be directive of personnel at the British National Oil Corporation.

Mr John N. R. Barber has been elected a non-executive director of Amalgamated Metal Corporation.

Mr Graeme Chalk has joined the board of English Electric Valve Company as technical director.

Mr J. L. M. Wilson will succeed Mr T. N. Gartside as senior partner of stockbrokers Sheppards and Chase from May 1, 1980. Mr Gartside will become a non-executive JETPROP LTD. case from May 1, 1980, Mr Gar-side will become a non-executive partner, Mr R. M. Howell, Mr R. M. Leach and Mr G. W. B. Warman will join the partnership on that date and on April 30, 1980, Mr D. G. Clive, Lord Terrington and Mr S. R. B. Wood leave the parmership. M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R SEB Telephone 01-621 1212

last full year produced profits of £15.1m on sales of £121.1m. At the operating level, before the metal account, the profits were up from 55.4m to 56.4m after charging depreciation of: £1.56m against £1.48m last time. Associates contributed 128m.



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ir John "Jock " Reilly, aged who has admitted to conng to blackmail, but has ied kidnapping, told the thow he had killed a man August by slashing his

spite of appeals by his ister, Mr Colin Muscroft, a warning from Judge stopher Beaumont that he l not say anything which d implicate him in another Mr Reilly demanded to go the wimess box.

arer of no settled address, the jury how he had forced a 21-year-old girl on the

e man, Mr Stephen Long-aged 31, had tried to our at the last minute as waited in a car to kidnap Lena Kavanagh, a hotel er, outside the Posthouse York, in December, Mr

pulled a knife out of its and put it to his throat m it was too late. ly could get out of this, since first time Steve had me use a knife. I had The tria ly cut a man's throat three until today.

There was a moment of silence, then Mr Paul Worsley, prosecuting, asked: "Is it true man with that you murdered a man with a knife, cut halfway through his neck?" "Yes", Mr Reilly said. He told the court that he was to have stood trial at the Central Criminal Court in May for murder, but added: "Now I want the court to know the

He had not wanted to be party to the kidnapping, but was terrified when Mr Reilly threatened him and had gone along when Miss Kavanagh was bundled into a car and driven, tied and blindfolded, 200 miles to a hideout in a derelict base-

ment in Islington.
Mr Reilly has also claimed that a plan to demand £15,000 from Miss Kavanagh's wealthy Irish parents was his, and that Mr Lewis and the others were not involved.

Mr Lewis, aged 32, a former taxi driver, of Bellstead Avenue, Ipswich, has admitted kidnapping, but denies conspiring to blackmail. The trial was adjourned

ecial Branch officer's mission on fingerprints

Staff Reporter

Sergeant Geoffrey Dale, Special Branch, admitted: Mayor's and City of a Court yesterday that he arrested man that he write to the Metropolitan Commissioner asking for urn of fingerprints, even policy to keep them. Dale said in evidence that

dethe suggestion to Mr. Il Councily, aged 32, Mr. Connolly had shown nee to give fingerprints. officer said that in his rs in the police force it ways been the policy to ingerpriots. "But there ays a first time", he "It was the only course

is suing the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, as be-ing responsible for the three Special Branch officers in-volved, for unlawful arrest and

imprisonment under the Act. He seeks damages together with an order that fingerprints, photographs and other detailed information about himself and his family be destroyed. The police say the information can be kept on their files as long as the Act is in force. Mr Peter Thornton, for Mr

Connolly, asked Sergeant Dale if it was not a misleading and meaningless suggestion to make ways been the policy to ingerprints. "Bur there ays a first time", he "It was the only course in open to Mr Connolly. Connolly, then a joiner openter, was arrested in order the Prevention of an Act as a result of a the Central Criminal an interested member oublic.

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Man admits to murder Damages for loss from delayed completion

Wiejski and Another

Before Viscount Dilhorne, Lord
Edmund-Davies, Lord Freser of
Tullybelton, Lord Russell of Killowen and Lord Keith of Kinkel
Where the last vendor in a
chain of contracts for purchase
and sale of houses failed to give
vacant posession on the contractual
date for completion, so that the
purchaser at the beginning of the
chain had to pay for temporary
accommodation pending completion, the last vendor was liable for
damages caused by his delay,
although the contract did not make
time of the essence and the delay
did not in equity amount to a
breach of contract.

The House of Lords, Viscount

to have stood rial at the Court in May for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by the form murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmissing an appeal by for murder, but added: "Now dissmi law of the sale of land surprisingly devoid of direct judicial authority.

In June, 1977, the defendants, Mr and Mrs Miles entered into a contract to sell their house in Ealing to the plaintiff; Mr Carol Raineri, completion with vacant possession being fixed for July 12, 1977. At the same time the Wiejskis agreed to sell their house at Guildford to Mr and Mrs Miles, under a contract which incorporated the Law Society's General Conditions of Sale (18ed, revised 1973) and though time was not expressed to be of the essence, completion with vacant possesion was also fived for "on or before" July 12, 1977.

On July 11 the Wiejskis informed the Miles that they could not complete on the following day because they had not raised enough money to complete the purchase of their new bome; but by that date Mr Raineri was on this way from Warrington to London to take possession of the Ealing house; and as a result he had to find and pay for temporary accommodation for himself

Lord Chief Justice stated in the Court of Appeal.

Their Lordships allowed an appeal by Ian Albert Upton, aged 33, against a sentence of six months' imprisonment on his conviction at Bournemouth Crown Court (recorder: Mr J, J. Smyth QC) of the theft of goods valued at £5, the property of a supermarket at Winton, Dorset, of which he was deputy manager. He had been admitted to hall after serving two months, and their

serving two months, and their Lordships substituted such sen-tence as allowed him to be released immediately.

Mr Jeremy Gibbons for the

No room in prisons

for petty offenders

Regina v Upton

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief
Justice, Mr Justice Griffiths and
Mr Justice Webster

Prison overcrowding now requires sentences on non-violent
petty offenders to be as short as
possible if no alternative to immediate prison sentences exists, the
Lord Chief Justice stated in the
Court of Appeal.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said.

and his family. On July 13 the Miles served notice to complete within 28 days under condition 19 of the Conditions of Sale, whereby time became of the essence of the essence and have effect at also construed and have effect at notice, and completed with that notice, and completed not the two contracts with vacant possession took place on August 11.

Mr Raineri Issued a writ against his vendors, the Miles, inter alia, to recover the cost of the temporary accommodation as damages for breach of contract and obtained summary judgement for damages to be certified on in quiry llater agreed at £725]. The

contracts with vacant possession took place on August 11.

Mr Raineri issued a writ against his vendors, the Miles, inter alla, to recover the cost of the temporary accommodation as damages for breach of contract and obtained summary judgement for damages to be certified on inquiry [later agreed at £725]. The Miles thereupon served a third party notice on the Wiejskis claiming an indemnity against Mr Raineri's claim on the ground that that claim arose from their breach of contract in failing to complete on July 12.

Mr Justice Whitford dismissed the third party proceedings on the ground that, for the indemnity claim to be made good, the defendants had to establish that the failure to complete on July 12 arose from some unreasonable actions or inaction by the third parties, and as no such case could be made out the defendants were not entitled to the relief sought.

Condition 19 provides: "(2) If

be made out the defendants were not entitled to the relief sought.

Condition 19 provides: "(2) If the sale shall not be completed on the date fixed for completion either party may on that date or at any time thereafter . . . give to the other party notice in writing to complete the transaction in accordance with this condition but such notice shall only be effective if the party giving the same at the time the notice is sent is either ready, able and willing to complete or is not so ready, able and willing by reason of the default or omission of the other party to the contract. (3) Upon service of an effective notice pursuant to the preceding clause it shall be an express term of the contract that the party to whom the notice is given shall complete the transaction within 28 days after the day of service of the notice . . and in respect of such period time shall be of the essence of the contract but without prejudice to any intermediate right of rescission by either narty."

any intermediate right of rescis-sion by either party." The Law of Property Act, 1925, provides by section 41: "Stipulations in a contract, as to time or otherwise, which according

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LORD EDMUND-DAVIES, giving the first of the majority speeches for dismissing the appeal, said that the primary issue raised in the appeal was: If a contract for the sale of land specified the date for completion with vacant possession, but did not stipulate that time was to be of the essence, and the purchaser suffered damage by reason of the vendor's failure to complete on the specified date, was the purchaser entitled to recover compensation, notwithstanding that the delay was not such as would enable the purchaser to defeat the vendor's action for specific performance?

His Lordship stated the facts

performance?

His Lordship stated the facts summarized above and said that the principal questions raised by the third parties on the appeal

(1) Did a fallure by a party to a contract for the sale of land to complete the contract on or before the stipulated completion date amount to a breach of contract even where the time for completion was not originally, and had not become, capable of being regarded in equity "as of the essence"?

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(2) Did the service of a completion notice under condition 19 have the effect of substituting an entirely new completion date for the original completion date? (3) Did the reason why the ppellants delayed completion bsolve them from liability?

appellants delayed completion absolve them from liability? On the first question—the effect of delay in completion—the appellants submitted that as the date for completion was not expressed to be of the essence, the law as it had smood since the Judicature Act, 1875, exculpated them from all liability for the foreseeable damage sustained by the respondents as a direct result of their failure to keep their word. Were that right the respondents would suffer a substantial injustice. The fact that time had not been declared to be of the essence did not mean that the express date for completion could be supplanted by the court's treating it as a mere "target" date, and, in effect, enabling the defaulting party to insert into the contractual provision some such words as "or within a reasonable time thereafter".

His Lordship stated the true

time thereafter ".

His Lordship stated the true position before 1873, as his Lordship saw it, in contracts for the sale of land. On a vendor's failure to complete on the specified date (a) the purchaser could recover damages for the vendor's breach both in the common law and the Chancery courts; (b) notwitistanding (a), the vendor could petition in the Chancery court for a decree of specific performance. There would be no discordance between the purchaser being between the purchaser being awarded damages and the vendor gerting his decree, and no case had been cited to the House to indicate otherwise. Equity would, however, inter-

The time had come to appreciate that non-violent petty offenders should not be allowed to take up what had become valumble space in prison. If there really was no alternative to an immediate prison sentence, then it should be as short as possible. Sentencing judges should appreciate that overcrowding in many of the penal establishments in this country was such that a prison sentence, however short, was a very unpleasant experience indeed for inmates.

Solicitous: A. R. Cooper & Co. sequely would, nowever, inter-fere to stay common law proceed-ings in which the purchaser sought to rely on the vendor's breach of strict compliance with the com-pletion date not simply as emitting him to recover damages but also enabling him to treat the contract as thereby repudiated. our and canoning mit to reat me comract as thereby repudiated, for that would be in direct conflict with the vendor's suit in equity for specific performance if he had completed within a reasonable time after the stipulated direct specific performance.

lered with the remedy at law."

It was true that in Woods v Mackenie Hill Led (1975) 1 WLR 613) Mr Justice Megarry, in an extemporary judgment, had referred to the contractual obligation as being "to complete on the date fixed for completion or within a reasonable time thereafter." But that was not the point in issue and the remark was made in the context of the necessity to serve a completion notice making time of the essence. While the roles of judge and

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While the roles of judge and suthor were admittedly separate and distinct, it was not without interest to note that Megary and Wade's Law of Real Propery (4th edn, p 586) cited Phillips v Lamdin ([1949] 2 KB 33) without critical comment as authority for the proposition that "... whether time is of the essence or not, a party who is actually injured by breach of a time stipulation can recover damages". Phillips's case was directly in point. There Mr Justice Croom-Johnson covered the relevant authorities and said (at y 42): "I have never heard it suggested that in an ordinary contract for the sale of goods, when a reasonable time has elapsed and the goods have not been delivered, that the only thing

elapsed and the goods have not been delivered, that the only thing that can be done is to give notice and then seek to recover damages. Damages for breach of contract for delay, even after the purchase and sale of the goods has been convoleted are always recoverable. completed, are always recoverable in a proper case, provided that the plaintiff can prove them. There is no distinction to be drawn in general . . . between contracts for sale of land and any other contracts expent in this respect that tracts, except in this respect, that, where the contract is not com-

pleted owing to some conveyancing difficulty, or some difficulty with regard to title and the matter goes off, courts of equity will not give damages for loss of the bargain. The correct answer to his Lordship's first question depended on a proper understanding of the effect of section 41 of the Law of Property Act, 1925.

effect of section 41 of the Law of Property Act, 1925.

That effect was put by Lord Justice Buckley in the present case (at p 769): "In considering whether to restrain an action at law the Court of Chaucery took cognizance of everything which had happened up to the date of the decree restraining the action at law. Since the fusion of law and equity the High Court is to have regard to all those events and is to grant or withhold the common law remedy of damages for breach of contract on the principles which would have actuated the Court of Chancery in permitting or restraining proceedings at law. . . This is . . the whole effect of the Law of Property Act, 1925, section 41, relevant to this case. It does not negative the existence of a breach of contract where one has occurred, but in certain circumstances it bars any assertion that the breach has amounted to a repudiation of the contract." There was, in other words, no discordance between the common There was, in other words, no discordance between the common of

law and equitable treatment of a claim for damages in such cases as the present and therefore no call to invoke section 41. His Lordship would answer question 1 in the negative.

On the second question—the offer of service of the complation effect of service of the completion notice—the appellants submitted that it operated to introduce into

pletion within 28 days of service; that they could be under an obligation to complete only on one date and not on two different dates; that the only relevant date was therefore that secondly imposed; and that, as they in fact had completed by that date, they were at no time in breach of contract. No authority supporting such an argument was cited, and

House of Lords

do.

A completion notice under condition 19 might not be served until the specified completion date had passed. When it had, the innohad passed. When it had, the inno-cent party had an accrued right to damages. But if the appellants were right, no condition 19 notice could be served without the party serving it thereby waiving that accrued right. That would be a remarkable result. His Lordship would hald that that contention for the appellants was unacceptable and would answer question two in the negative.

On question 3—the reason for

the negative.

On question 3—the reason for delay in completion—it had long been established that blameworthy conduct might well preclude a vendor from equitable relief; and the same applied to a purchaser. But did the party seeking damages for delay in completion have to adduce anything more than proof that the other party to the contract had failed to keep his word?

Mr Justice Whitford gave an

Mr Justice Whiford gave an affirmative answer to that question by saying that "the claim can only be good if it can be established that a person in default had not acted reasonably in doing what they in fact did ". No such ground had been advanced in the House, though it had been pursued and rejected in the Court of Appeal.

pensated.

So far as the exiguous evidence called by the appellants went, they had a clear and free choice between completing their contract with the respondents (notwithstanding the inconvenience to them) or breaking it and so causing inconvenience and loss to the respondents (or to someone further down the line, such as the plaintiff) and they chose the latter course. The appellants were not absolved from liability by reason of the known circum-

Mr Justice Whitford gave an

Appeal.

His Lordship knew of no autho-His Lordship knew of no authorities supporting the judge's holding, and several to the opposite effect. Even were noncompletion due to the appellants' mability to arrange the necessary finance to enable them to buy the house they had in mind for their own occupation, that inability afforded no defence to the respondents' entitlement to be compensated.

stances of the known circumstances of the present case, and question 3 must also be answered in the negative. The appeal should be dismissed.

LORD FRASER, concurring, said that the appealance due to the samellance due t

condition of the contract—that the purchase should be completed "
"on or before July 12, 1977....
when vacant possession shall be given to the purchasers".
In his Lordship's view the special condition fixed a target date and no more. He would allow the appeal.
Solicitors: Hart Brown & Co, Guildford; Barlows, Guildford. condition of the

Court of Appeal

Immigration appeals on facts

Lord Justice Brightman and Dame Elliabeth Lane

[Judgment delivered April 23]
The Immigration Appeal Tribunal, when hearing appeals from an adjudicator, is not limited to considering points of law, but can hear appeals on the facts, and if after reviewing an adjudicator's decisions on the facts it comes to the conclusion that they are wrong, it has the power and duty to review and reverse those decisions and the determination which is based on them; it can substitute its own view on the credibility of witnesses whom the adjudicator. has seen and the tribunal has not seen only for compelling reasons, and the cases in which it can do so must be rare.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by the applicants, Alam Bi, Abrar Ahmed and Ashfaq Ahmed, against the decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal dated November 9, 1978, allowing the appeal of the Visa Office, Islamabad, from the determination of an adjudicator in which he had reversed the decision of the Entry Clearance Officer refusing the applicants leave to enter the United Kingdom.

Mr K. S. Nathan for the applicants leave to enter the United Kingdom.

Mr K. S. Nathan for the applicants; Mr Simon D. Brown for the immigration Appeal Tribunal.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON said that the appeal tribunal had allowed an appeal from the decision of an adjudicator and had, in effect, restored the decision of the Entry Clearance Officer. Their Lordships had given the applicants leave to move out of time for judicial review and had heard the substantive appeal. The case was unusual because the sponsor of the applicants for entry, Mathamad Hussain, had been interrogated by the Entry Clearance Officer in Pakistan, who had disbelieved his vital evidence that the applicants were his wife and sous. The adjudicator had believed the sponsor, and the

Regina v Immigration Appeal appeal tribunal had decided that Tribunal, Bx parte Bi and the adjudicator was wrong and ought to have followed the Entry Clearance Officer in his disbelief. Clearance Officer in his disbelief.

The court had to remember the duties of the various persons and bodies. The Humigration Act, 1971, established the appellate authorities. The sponsor was a patrial who had lived in the United Kingdom since 1963. His wife and children were entitled to be given entry clearance to this country, and that was clearly provided by the Immigration Rules (HC 81). The adjudicator had to see whether the refusal of the Entry Clearance Officer was in accordance with the law and the handgration Rules, and in carrying out his function he had the power to review any determination of fact on which the decision was based.

After reviewing the facts the

After reviewing the facts the adjudicator had come to the conclusion that the Entry Clearance Officer's decision was wrong. The appeal tribunal had restored the officer's decision.

The burden of proving the assertion that the applicants were the sponsor's wife and children, which was essential to their admission in accordance with the Immigration Rules, rested still on the shoulders of the applicants at the hearing before the appeal tribunal. It was not disputed that it had to be proved on the balance of probabilities and no more.

An appeal to the Divisional Court and the Court of Appeal lay only on a point of law. The appeal tribunal was not so limited and heard appeals on facts, and if after reviewing the adjudicator's decisions on facts it came to the conclusion that they were wrong, it had the power and duty to review and reverse the decision these these decisions on these fore. wrong, it had the power and duty to review and reverse the decision based on those facts. There was no doubt that the appeal tribunal would be sparing in reversing the adjudicator's decisions on the credibility of witnesses whom he had seen and heard, and it was trite law that it could substitute its own view only for compelling reasons, and the cases

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Furthermore cases were becoming more frequent in which petitions had been advertised less than seven days after they had been served on the company concerned. The breach of the rules could control the served of the rules could control the served of the rules could be served. cause serious injustice by unduly restricting the period within which a company might apply to restrain the advertisement. A pentioner failing to comply in funire might be deprived of part of his costs.

The anjudicator was the first appellate urbunal to hear the case. The lynchyin of the applicants' case was the evidence of the sponsor, and before the adjudicator he was not supporting his case with evidence for the first time. The adjudicator had heard different witnesses from the Entry Clearance Officer; the common witness was the sponsor.

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When the matter came before the appeal tribunal it did not call further evidence, and neither party sought to adduce any. The case against the explicants was that the adjudicator had made a decision against the weight of the evidence and wrongly assessed the credibility of the sponsor. That would be extremely difficult to sustain in an ordinary case. The appeal tribunal had gone through discrepancies in the evidence, which it was not necessary for his Lordship to review. Lordship to review.

Lordship to review.

The question was whether the Immigration Appeal Tribunal had gone wrong in law. It was conceded that there might be cases in which an appellate body which had not seen witnesses might be justified in overturning a tribunal which had seen them, so that it was not always an error of law to do what the appeal tribunal had done. But it was said that the appeal tribunal had no business without bearing further evidence to substitute its own view of the credibility of the sponsor for that of the adjudicator. That was a credibility of the sponsor for that of the adjudicator. That was a powerful argument, but it left out of account two features. The appeal tribural was not simply substituting its own view, but was substituting the view which the Eury Clearance Officer had taken. The second matter was the cautious way in which the adjudicator had accepted the evidence of the sponsor.

It was not surprising given the It was not surprising, given the lukewarm endorsement of the sponsor's evidence, that the appeal tribunal had felt bound to restore the decision of the Entry Clearance Officer. There was no error of law in so doing. It had been entitled to take an unusual conse in an unusual case, and the appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Brightman and Dame Elizabeth Lane agreed. Solicitors: Ward Bowie for A. V. Hammond & Co. Bradford; Treasury Solicitor.

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Lord Russell and Lord Keith agreed with the speeches of Lord Edmund-Davies and Lord Fraser.

VISCOUNT DILHORNE, who gave the first speech for allowing the appeal, was of opinion that the question for decision was not whether equity would or would not have granted specific performance, nor at to the application of the rules of equity. The hask was to construe the special condition of the contract—that the purchase should be completed"

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Motoring

Hopeful note in those grim statistics

Motor cyclists have come in for a lot of criticism recently, partly on their safety record and partly on noise, amid pronouncements by the Government that it intends to do something about each. But is the two-wheeler fraternity being singled out unfairly for the sins of a few? In Edinburgh this week, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Parliamentary Secre-

tary for Transport, returned to the theme of motor cycle casualties which he described as "far too high" and reminded his audience of the statistics: 1,163 riders and passengers killed in a year (in 1978), over 20,000 seriously injured and over 48,000 slightly injured.

He could have added two more: that since 1972 two-wheeler casualties have increased by 60 per cent, now accounting for one road death in six, and that the risk of a motor cycle rider being killed or seriously injured is 30 times that for car

occupants. Alarming figures, indeed, and motor cyclists can hardly refute

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But like any statistics they tell only part of the story, and before launching into a diatribe against "motor cycle madness" one needs to make two important qualifica-tions. The first is that bad as the overall picture might be, there has been some improvement over the last five years or so.

The sharp increase in two-wheeler

casualties since the early 1970s has coincided with a boom in motor cycle and moped sales sparked off by the oil crisis. With more machines coming on to the road, it was only to be expected that more would become involved in accidents. In fact, in relation to the number of two-wheelers in use and the

distances travelled the number of accidents has been declining. In 1977, 1,092 machines were in acci-dents for every 100 million vehicle kilometres travelled; in 1978 the rate was 1,045 and during the early part of 1979 (the final count for the year is not yet available) the figure dropped below 1,000.

None of which alters the fact that

two-wheelers account for a dispro-portionate number of casualties but at least the trend is in the right direction. The other qualification is to the assumption that accidents involving two wheelers are invari-ably the rider's fault. The point is made rather forcibly

in the April issue of Care on the Road, published by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. Mr Colin Dean, chairman

of the Institute of Road Safety Officers, writes: "Even national newspapers find it fashionable to conduct campaigns against this particular group of road user. But often their so-called facts and

figures can be misleading. "No one can deny that the motor cyclist is vulnerable and that it makes good sense to take lessons in machine control and learn about defensive riding; likewise to invest in some reflective/fluorescent gear aid conspicuity. "However, the hard fact remains

ther some surveys suggest that in 70 per cent of accidents involving motor cyclists the rider was not to blame. Perhaps it is about time more emphasis was placed on this and more time spent educating the blinkered' motorist". The 70 per cent figure, taken from a police survey, seems very high, particularly as, according to

the Department of Transport, up to 40 per cent of two-wheeler accidents do not involve another vehicle. But of course Mr Dean is right in stressing that motor cyclists are by no means always the culprits. What is probably true is that a large proportion of two-wheeled machines are riden by youngsters half the casualties are teenagerswhose inexperience makes them less able to avoid trouble. They are therefore likely to be involved in accidents that with more experience of road conditions and of

handling a machine they might avoid. Then there is Mr Dean's reference



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to vulnerability. Crash helmets notwithstanding, two-wheeler riders have little protection against an impact and their injuries are bound to be more severe. A car driver, on the other hand, is not only protected by a cocoon of metal but in a head-on collision he will have the length of the bonnet between him and the point of impact. Which means that he can escape unscathed from a serious accident in which a motor cyclist might be killed.

The real reason why motor cycles and their riders have a poor image is that they tend to be associated in the public mind with reckless young tearsways more intent on showing off than on being respon-sible road users. Undoubtedly this element exists, only to spoil things for the majority of two-wheeler riders who behave properly. Certainly there seems to be little

serious opposition in the two-wheeler world to the sort of safety wheeler works to the sort of salely measures the Government is considering—the restriction of learner riders to smaller machines than the 250cc bikes currently permitted and a stop to the practice of driving indefinitely on provisional licences.

There are irresponsible car drivers as well; perhaps the motor cyclists should make themselves more obvious. Which brings us to the question of noise. Last week the Government published a consultation: paper on vehicle noise, pointing out that motor cycles (along with heavy lorries) were the principal targets of public complaint and suggesting that the maximum plaint and suggesting that the maximum plaint and suggesting that the maximum principal targets are should be mum permitted noise should be halved within 10 years.

I will declare a prejudice. One of my least favourite sounds is a rancous motorcycle, particularly

when it shatters the peace of a residential road. A reader who obviously shares this view wrote recently wondering if indeed there were any legal restrictions, so widespread had that din become.

Motorcycles are required to come within certain decibel levels, though rhese were laid down as long ago as 1970 when possibly eardrams were less sensitive. Machines over 125cc. for instance, must not exceed 86 decibels. But according to surveys, 80 decibels is the level at which most people regard a vehicle as constituting a noise misance. (And it must be emphasized that in decibel terms a count of 86 is getting on for double a count of 80.) for instance, must not exceed 86

In practice most new machines are reasonably well suppressed. The main offenders are older bikes which have been deliberately—and illegally—tempered with by their converse Engagine places. owners. Favourize plays are either to remove the baffle from the silencer or to fit a special "sporty" silencer: either way, the object is to make the machine sound more gressive. There is a law against it but one

that is notoriously difficult to enforce. The police are not in the habit of carrying noise meters about with them and the evidence of the ears alone, however graphic, is not enough. But unlike Mr. J. L. Boswell, a reader from Heaton, Tyne and West, I wish the Government of the contract of ment well in its efforts. . .

Mr Boswell argues that quieter bikes will be more dangerous because other road users will be less aware of their presence. And

he thinks that motor cyclists will simply throw the quieter exhausts away. He concedes that there are many "disgustingly" noisy machines but says the present law is adequate . . . if only it were enforced.

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ary Hagman (left), the Dallas star, and Terry Wogan: encounter is screened again tonight on BBC 1, 7.50

am not sure I understand what Derrick Buttress's play Happy C 2, 9.00) is trying to say. It is about a marriage that is king up because the husband insists on looking after his iges, mentally handicapped, brother at home when there are iges, mentally-handicapped, brother at home when there are see far better suited to do the job. I suppose some irony could wind in the fact that, despite his handicap, the young chap is only one in the story who does not seem to be Irked verything from plastic salads in the staff conteen in cular to human relations in general, Happy is his mental tion, I suppose you could say. Max Hafter manages the unit role of the afflicted boy with complete conviction.

Try Wogan Meets JR (BBC 1, 7.50) sounds rather like those I Abbott and Costello comedies in which the two comediens to come up against legendary monsters like Dracula. to come up against legendary monsters like Drzcula, yde and Frankenstein's creation. And, indeed, tonight's 'amme—a repeat screening of Mr Wogan's encounter with Dallas actor in the Friday Night . . Saturday Morning is akin to those old Hollywood movies in the sense that Hagman's J. R. Ewing is a bit of a monster and Mr Wogan, senter of programmes, is a bit of a comedian.

senter of programmes, is a bit of a comedian.

e. Sun Trap, a new comedy series which begins its run bit (BBC 1, 8.20) is about a group of British exiles plomatic ex-diplomat, weather forecaster under a cloud, journalist with cosmic delusions) who have bought villas island off the Spanish coast. Given such an resortment of creek, the comic possibilities seem endless, and what gives the comic possibilities seem endless, and what gives the comic possibilities seem endless. ry reason to expect that the comedy will not only be broad ep, is the fact that the author of the series is David who wrote The Rise and Fall of Reginald Perrin. td always suspected that I was not the only person to enjoy always suspected that I was not the only person to enjoy will at One (BBC 1, 1.00). Viewers of Barry Took's name Points of View (BBC 1, 8.50) have voted this relaxed, by and infinitely varied lunchtime show their favourite TV name, and Marian Foster, one of its resident interviewers,

avourite presenter.
ing wrongly attributed Gertrude Stein's A Rose is a s a Rose to Dorothy Parker some weeks ago, I feel I must prectly credit Miss Parker with something, and it is her ated dramatic monologue A Telephone Call, which Beth reads on Radio 3 at 8.05 tonight. Tomorrow night:

ty Parker's The Waltz . . . Radio 3's music broadcasts

include a Chopin recital by André Tchaikovsky at 8.25

ling the Sonata No 3) and the Sibelius Symphony No 6,

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BBC 1 Human factors in aviation; 7.05 Nuclear power USA; 7.30 The nature of chemistry. Cluse down at 7.55.
10.15 For Schools, Colleges: Merry-go-Round (Keep up with the times); 10.35 Going to Work (safety at work). Close down at 10.55.

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10.55.

11.25 You and Me : How to make souvlaki. And an English version of a traditional Greek-Cypriot story.
11.40 Schools, Colleges: Everyday
Maths. Close down at 12.00.
12.45 pm News and weather.
1.00 Pebble Mul at One: Music features, and interviews from the BBC's Midlands studios. (See Per-sonal Choice). 1.45 Camberwick Green: pupper show for the very young.

2.02 for Schools, Colleges: Episode one of The Kids are Okay.

Children caught up in parents' unhappiness (r); 3.20 Pobol y Cwm:

Serial in Welsh; 3.55 Play School:

Wilma Horsbrugh's story The

Train to Glaseow. Train to Glasgow.
4.20 Maxidog: cartoon. Fig in the Warm South (r). 4.25 Baggy Pants

11.00 Play School: The same a BBC1, 3.55. Closedown at 11.25.

BBC1, 3.55, Closedown at 11.25,
3.10 pm Snooker: Embassy World
Professional Snooker Championship: Cue action today from Terry
Griffiths, Perrie Mans, John
Spencer and Eddie Charlton. Further transmissions at 6.55, 9.55
and 11.30,

and 11.30.

4.50 Open University: Michelson interferometer; 5.15 Earth science topics; 6.05 Circulation of the blood; 6.30 Electricity tariffs.
6.55 Sucoker: Another trausmission from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield: frame of the day.

11.55 Beany and Cecil: cartoon.
12.00 A Handful of Songs: From
Maria Morgan and Keith Field.
12.10 Once Upon a Time: Peter
Davison rells a story.

Court. Today: preparations con-tinue for the farewell party for the

2.00 After Noon Plus : The latest

human predicament to be dis-cussed by viewers, brought into the

RENTALS

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BBC 2

THAMES

ranean island off the coast of Spain. With Donald Churchill, Joan Benham, Graham Crowden and Zena Walker (see Personal Choice).

8.50 Points of View: Viewers' letters, answered lightheartedly by Barry Took. (See Personal Choice).

9.00 News: with Peter Woods. 7.20 News : with sub-titles for the seas, which produced an urbanized hard of hearing. 7.30 Gardeners' World: The front garden at Clack's Farm begins to undergo some changes. Also Sheila Macqueen plants and arranges some small flowers, and Clay Jones explains his cropping plan for the propertionise. 6.40 am Open University; Lan-guage development; 7.05 Zone Fossils; 7.30 Aluminium in Lyne-mouth. Closedown at 7.55.

7.55 Newsweek : Ireland-7.55 Newsweek: Ireland—Republicans and Loyalists. Second and final part of Keith Kyle's examination of the root causes of the long-running conflict. Tonight, he looks at the strenghs and origins of the Ulster Loyalist tradition and its role in Ireland today.

8.30 Vikings!: Sixth film in the series of 10. Presented he the BBC's resident Viking, Magnus Magnusson. Tonight: the Viking incursions around the northern

studio to meet Mavis Nicholson, is the fear of growing old. 2.45 Film: Young and Innocent (1937). One of Alfred Hitchcock's early British-made thrillers. Nova Pilbeam plays the chief constable's

daughter who helps Derrick de Marney to prove he is innocent of

murder.

9.30 am Schools: English programme (immigration); 9.57 Stop.
Look, Listen (a summer and winter woodland); 10.10 Alive and Kicking (children's feelings); 10.31 Living and Growing (social development); 10.48 About Books (animals in literature); 11.10 Reading with Lenny; 11.22 Leapfrog (maths); 11.39 Over to You (all about time). 4.15 The Boy Merito: The case of the vanishing stone table (r). 4.45 Magple: the children's magazine. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm : The Irish souvenir that could cause a breach of the peace at the farm, 5.45 News. 6.00 Thames News. 6.30 Thames Sport : With Allan Taylor, Brough Scott and John Taylor.

12.30 Moneywise: Public Transport. The cuts in public services. Presenters are Derek Cooper and Shela Duffy.
1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News.
1.30 Together: The serialized story of flat dwellers ar Rutherford Court Today, preparations con-London Weekend 7.00 Play Your Cards Right : Bruce Forsyth in action once again, turn-ing over glant playing cards and putting some contestants' nerves to the test. 7.30 The Cannon and Rall Show Special guest is Peggy Mount, in a sketch about cake-making. The res-ident singing group is Ritz. 8.00 Hawaii Five-0; The Shallow

and the Nitwits: two cartoons, 4.50 Blue Feter Special Assignment: Blanche Ravelec plays Marie Antoinette in this dramatized reconstruction of her life. Filmed at Versailles (r). 5.35 Captain Pugwash: The Fruit Machine (r). 5.40 News: with Peter Woods, 5.55 Nationwide: includes Desmond Lynam's Sportswide. 7.00 Bugs Bunny: cartoon. Backwoods Bunny. 7.10 The Wonderful World of Disney: Part one of The Ballad of Hector, the Stowaway Dog: rale of a travelling circus. 7.50 Terry Wogan meets JR: Repeat screening of the Wogan interview with Larry Hagman, the maspeakable J. R. Ewing in the Dallas films (see Personal Choice). 8.20 The Sun Trap: First in a new comedy series about a group of Spain. With Donald Churchill, Joan Benham, Graham Crowden and Zena Walker (see Personal Choice). 8.50 Points of View: Viewers' let-9.25 The Eddie Capra Mysteries: Crime thriller. A poker champion is poisoned in Las Vegas.
10.15 Rosie: Comedy series (seven all told) about the police, CID and uniform branch (r). 10.45 News.
10.59 Film: New Face in Hell (1967). Private-eye thriller about a detective (George Peppard) hired by a tycoon (Raymond Burr) to act as bodyguard for his mistress (Gayle Hunnicutt). Directed by John Golllermin, Ends at 12.40 am. John Guillermin. Ends at 12.40 am

Radio 4

14). 1.00 News.

5.55 Weather. .00 News. .30 Going Places.

12.00 News.

11.00 News.
11.05 A Power to Choose.
11.50 Bird of the Week.
12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.27 My Music.†
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.

.00 News. .02 Listen With Mother.

Whalley.† 1.10 A Singer Remembers

7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Pick of the Week.† 8.10 Profile. 8.30 Any Questions ?

9.15 Letter from America. 9.30 Kaleldoscope. 10.00 The World Tonight. 10.35 Week Ending.†

10,35 Week Ending.† 11,00 A Book at Bedtime.

11.30 Today in Parliament. 11.45 BBC Sound Archives.

12.15-12.23 am Weather.

11 15 Figancial World Tonight

5.50 am Regional news, weather.

7.50 Regional news, weather.

4.45 Story: A Trip to Egypt.

The Archers. .00 News. .02 Woman's Hour.

6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.30 Today. 7.00,8.00 News. 7.30,8.30 Headlines.

esterday in Parliament.

News. Desert Island Discs. Down the Garden Path.

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weather.

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seas, which produces an around and settled society.

9.00 Playhouse: Happy. Drama, by Derrick Buttress, about a mentally handicapped youth (Max Hafter) looked after by his brother (Paul Copley) whose wife (Lynne Miller) decides to leave him (see Personal Choice) Choice). 9.55 Snooker: Action from today's games at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield. Further coverage at

11.30. 10.45 Newsmight: News and current affairs.
11.30 Snooker: Final transmission

9.35-10.30 Schools: Country Danc-ing; Notice Board II; Music Workof the day from the Embassy World Professional Championship. 12.00 The Outer Limits: The Pre-10.45-12.00 Schools: A Corner for Music: Notice Board II; Listening monition. Hollywood space fiction series. A test pilot's family is in deadly danger as time is frozen around him.* Ends at 12.55 am. and Writing. 2.00-3.00 pm Schools: Let's Join

Grave. Two million dollars worth of jewels are stolen, and there is a suggestion of things supernatural. 9.00 The Geotle Touch : Tales of a police woman (Jill Gascoine). A man dies in a massage parlour, a 1S-year-old girl is picked up for soliciting—and the police woman's son becomes an un-

ther adventures of the scatty Tage and Campbell families. 11.00 The London Programme: Hundreds of people are wrongly sent to special hospitals (Broadmoor, for instance) or prison. This programme concentrates on the case of a 63-year-old man who ment 20 year-old man who ment 20 years at Espandon. For spent 30 years at Rampton—for receiving a stolen bicycle. The London Programme has just cele-brated its fifth anniversary, and deserves to be congratulated.

ATV der-age drinker. 10.00 News. 10.30 Soap : The fur-

deserves to be congrarulated.

11.45 Luke's Kingdom: Episode
two of this saga of the loves and
lives of the Firbeck family, who
have left England to live in
Australia in the 1830s. With Oliver
Tobias. Border 12.45 am Close : Dorothy Tutin

RADIO

In; Religious Education; Adventure. 5.50 Regional news, weather. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Introduc-tion to Arabic (4).

Radio 3 6.55 am (mw only) Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Records: Donizetti, Johann Strauss; Moncayo, Sarasate.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Records: Mozart (K364—Sammons/Tertis/Harty), Liszt.† 10.00 News. 10.05 From Our Own Correspon-

dent 10.30 Daily Service. 18.45 The Children of Dynmouth 9.00 News. 9.05 Week's Composer : Bax (Sym. 7).†
10.00 Young Artists: Pixis, Finzl.†
11.00 Harpsichord; Bach, froberger, Handel.†
11.25 Cello: Marrion, Barber.†
12.10 pm BBC Welsh SO/Tzipine, pt 1: Weber, Tchaikovsky (Pno Conc 1—Orozco).†

1.00 News. 1.05 BBCWSO, pt 2 : Berlioz (Sym Fant).† 2.00 Hereford Cathedral : reflec-2.00 Hereford Camera: reflection in words and music.†
3.00 Quartet (Vermeer), pt 1:
Mozart (K575), Debussy.†
3.55 Interval reading.
4.00 Vermeer Oftet, pt 2: Schumann (op 41 no 1.)†
4.35 Minimal Music: Steve Reich.†
4.55 Meres 3.15 Play : Getting Away, by Peter 4.55 News. 5.00 (mw and mono only from 6.20) Music for early evening.† 6.55 (mw only) Play It Again:

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preview.
7.00 Record: Hummel.†
7.30 Piano (A. Tchalkovsky, live
from Broadcasting Centre, Birmingham), pt 1: Haydn, Schubert
(D784).†
8.05 Monologue: A Telephone
Call, by Dorothy Parker.
8.25 A. Tchalkovsky, pt 2: Chopin.† pin.† 9.15 Virgil's Eclogues : 9 and 10. 9.30 Finnish RSO/Segerstam: Sibelius (Sym 6).† 10.05 The English Ayre (5).† 10.25 Quartet (Dartington): 10.25 Quartet (Dartingto Haydo, Schoenberg (op 45).† 11.15 Music from India.† 11.55-12.00 News.

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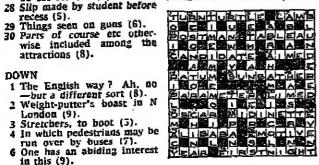
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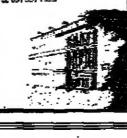
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